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Modern irrigation has become the trump card in farming's high-stakes gamble to coax a good crop from a reluctant land. In Louisiana, two different rivers call for two different methods.

RIVER BOTTOM GAMBLERS

In farming's high-stakes gamble, nature deals the hand and the odds always favor the house. Nature's perverse twist to this card game is that all the cards on the table are face up, save one.

In the last century, the advance of technology has given the farmer chemical tools to cope with nature's weeds and insects. He's analyzed his land and knows what fertilizers are there for boosting a weak soil. He knows the capability of his equipment to most efficiently till and harvest the greatest number of acres in the shortest amount of time.

The great X-factor in farming is the hole card. It comes face down and no peaking. Nature's seen the hole card, but she's not talking.

Year in and year out, the hole card is the weather. Weather is many things: sun, wind, heat, and cold. But weather's big unknown is rain. And not just any rain, any time, but just the right amount of water, at just the right time.

In the quest for a reliable water supply, large-scale irrigation has begun finally to deal the farmer a new hand with all the cards face up: irrigation is the trump card in the house deck that for once favors the farmer.

The story of modern irrigation in Louisiana began barely 20 years ago. See *Farming's gamble*, page 2



A tale of Two FARMS

The best irrigation technique is one of those friendly verbal competitions that go on among farmers.

Opinions are most sharply divided when you discuss irrigation options with farmers on the east side of Louisiana and those on the west side. Once you dig to the bottom of their stories, though, you find that each is adapting his land to what the terrain will allow, looking for the most reliable and efficient, least expensive way to get water on their crops.

On the eastern border, the Mississippi River drains 32 states

and two Canadian provinces. On its run to the Gulf of Mexico, the River has laid down its river silt over the millennia, in places a swath of near pure organic dirt 50-miles wide and 30-feet deep.

For eons, the annual winter snowmelt up north caused a spring flood down south. The Mississippi River overran its banks and disgorged its alluvial sediment into the Delta, floating a fine layer of silt out over the land, dead-level flat, no ups, no downs, just pool table flat as far

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'Irrigation 'is the only way we can survive. It's the only way we can manage the risk.'

-Nolan Clark

'Banks and lenders will look at farms that are irrigated versus farms that aren't. Farms that are not irrigated might have a problem getting financing in the coming years.'

-John Bundy

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|  | Price Bundy |  |
| Red River | THE PLAYERS | Mississippi River |
|  | John Bundy |  |
| | Bob Erle Clark | |

Farming's gamble

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years ago when farmers would lug cumbersome, hard-plastic pipe, 8-inches in diameter and 40-feet long, around their fields, hooking up to a pump and putting water down furrows between the rows to give nature a boost. It only worked when the land had a natural fall. It was labor intensive and expensive.

On both sides of the state, the once creeping changeover to irrigation in Louisiana over the last two decades has accelerated in recent years to the point that many farmers will tell you that if you don't get it and use it you will lose it.

On the east side of the state in the flat Mississippi River Delta, Nolan Clark, a Mer Rouge farmer in Morehouse Parish, puts it at its most basic, "It's the only way we can survive. It's the only way we can manage the risk. All the money we are putting out on a crop, we have to know that we can make the crop to pay back the money."

With father, Bob Erle, brother, Erle, and farm manager Jason Howes, the Clarks farm about 6,500 acres, 3,500 acres in cotton, 1,500 acres in corn and the rest in soybeans and rice. On their flat land, the Clarks favor furrow irrigation. Most of their land has been land leveled to permit the slow fall of water from the high end of a

field to the low end. (see accompanying story)

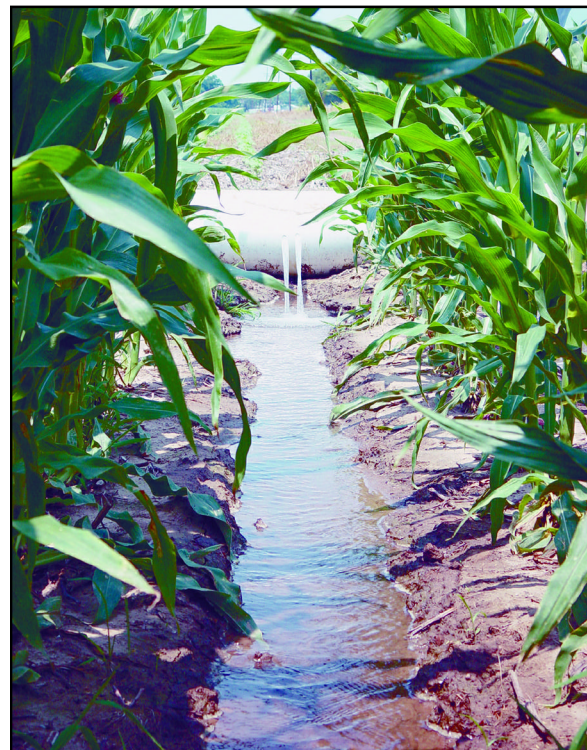
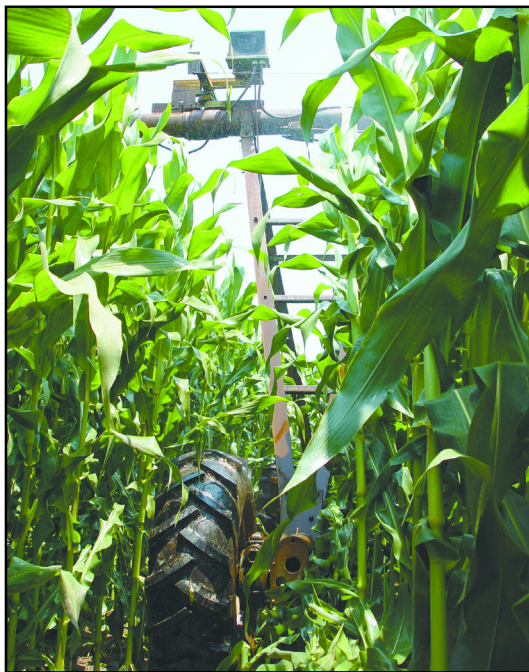
On the west side of the state, the Bundy brothers, John and Price, near Ida, hard up against the Arkansas line in Caddo Parish, were faced with the same quandary a half-dozen years ago.

The Bundy's are farming about 5,000 acres in Louisiana and 1,000 acres in Arkansas. With about 3,500 acres in row crops and another 2,500 in pastures, like the Clarks, the Bundy's are farming big. On the Louisiana side they have 2,600 acres in row crops. Of that, 1,100 is being irrigated, 950 acres is the walking sprinkler type of irrigation, known as pivot irrigation. About 150 acres is furrow irrigated.

"We had a couple of real dry years and we decided we had to do something to make a crop. The weather wasn't going to help us so we decided to put in irrigation," says John Bundy.

"You can't rely on our unpredictable weather," Price Bundy adds. "You have to have the yield to make a profit. If you don't have the profit, you are not going to stay in business. The only way to achieve a yield is to give that plant everything it needs. The most

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The four miles of collapsible poly-pipe (top left) in old-style hard plastic would take a large warehouse to store. Corn irrigation with poly pipe and pivot (above and left). Price and John Bundy (below) check fuel for the 350-hp motor pumping pivot irrigation water from the Red River in Caddo Parish. Nolan Clark, farm manager Jason Howse, and Bob Erle Clark make equipment adjustments in Morehouse Parish.

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as the eye can see.

The Great Flood of 1927 triggered man's intervention in nature's affairs. A levee system was built to stop the River's overflow into the Delta. It was then that large-scale farming moved out of the Louisiana hill country to the Delta to tap into some of the richest crop-growing soil on the planet.

On the west side of Louisiana along the Red River the terrain is different. There is a similar annual flood from sources up north. But the available delta is a skinny strip of land, only a few miles wide in most places. The land is rolling not flat, and the water from the Red River's headwaters in the arid, alkaline regions of west Texas and Oklahoma contains a lot of salt.

In the Mississippi Delta region, cotton, corn, rice and soybean farmer Nolan Clark says his irrigation of choice was a no-brainer. With the flatness of the land, he uses mainly poly pipe, the 12-inch-diameter collapsible plastic tubes, about the thickness and heft of a triple-weight garbage bag. They roll it out at the start of the season and roll it up at the end.

Along the Red River, the Bundy brothers, John and Price, say for them the choice was equally clear, on their hilly and rolling Red River Delta land they use pivot irrigation, the huge walking sprinklers that creep across the field in a circle, watering their corn and cotton.

To get the Clark operation going in the Mississippi Delta, they brought in a land leveling company. With massive land scrapers, what few humps and bumps there were were flattened out for furrow irrigation. Land leveling leaves the land

with a tiny fall from one end of the field to the other so that water squirting out of the poly pipe at the "high" end of the field falls evenly and slowly down the furrows from one end of the field to the other.

To manage the furrow irrigation, the Clarks broke several thousand acres up into 40-acre to 80-acre "blocks." To supply water to the individual blocks they drilled more than 30 wells. A pump was installed at each wellhead with accompanying attachments. The poly pipe, a quarter mile to a roll, is run out along the high side of the field for each block, hooked up to the wellhead; holes are punched in the poly pipe every 38 inches or so all along its length, water inflates the pipe and squirts through the holes down the furrows.

The Clarks' water is coming from a Mississippi River aquifer. "We don't do any pumping out of the bayous in the area," Clark said. "A lot of people do, but it's a little risky and you can't depend on it. The levels vary too much from time to time.

"We pull (our water) out of the Mississippi aquifer. It gets recharged every year. We do pretty good so far with our system. It's not like in the hills where you are pulling out of the Sparta aquifer, which is more questionable.

"If you ask me which one I would rather have, I'd rather have furrow irrigated land because of the yields, because once it's done and rolled out there, and the holes are punched it's simpler. It puts more water out there and the crop needs less watering between watering because of the amount that is put out."

There are few headaches with poly pipe. An occasional tear in the plastic from man or animals will need tending and there is maintenance on the pump motors.

On the west side of Louisiana, the Bundy's say to flatten their rolling land would take moving 500 yards to 600 yards of dirt per acre. At \$1 a yard it would be prohibitively expensive.

"Many of our fields have ridges and valleys in them. To land level you would have had to make too big a cut. It would cut all the topsoil off and you wouldn't be able to grow anything," John said.

Their solution was 950 acres under pivot irrigation and only 150 acres using furrow irrigation. "Our yields are better with pivot than our furrow yields because we have a more accurate amount of water going in," Price said.

Their pivot systems are huge. One of their walking sprinklers covers 400 acres of cotton in a complete revolution. The other covers 275 acres.

The brothers pump their water out of the Red River which, with a new series of locks and dams installed by the Red River Waterway Commission, has been effective in removing salt from the river water making it usable for crop water. The salt comes from seven salt deposits in Texas and Oklahoma as well as several large oil fields in the mid West that were dumping their salt residue into the rivers, John said.

In a major engineering feat, the Bundys installed a 30-inch pipe in the river, anchored it with three concrete footings – a truck load of

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Simm. bull, born 7/30/01 & heifers born 3/15/01, w/calf, both reg. & pb, bull, \$1500; heifer & calf, \$1500. Bobby Lafleur, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4215.

(4) Young pb Char. bulls, 8-12 mos., all polled; \$600-\$800, you pick. Elvin Lafleur, Ville Platte, (337) 363-2079.

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Pb reg. Char. bulls polled, gentle, ready for service, \$1000/1-up; cows, w/calves, some 3/N/1's, \$1000/1-up. Ron Harvey, Greenwell Springs; (225) 405-7856.

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Reg. Char. heifers, ready to breed, \$1000/1. Simone Chauvin, Raceland; (985) 537-6954.

Reg. Char. bulls, \$1000/1-up. Ridley Chauvin, Raceland; (985) 537-6954.

(3) Reg. Char. bulls, 21-38 mos., Intimidator & Magna bloodlines, \$950-\$1250, gentle, long, calves to show, older bull tested & ready for heavy service; reg. open Char. heifers, 21 mos., \$700, will consider trades for beef type heifer/cow/calves. Ed Dugas, Carencro; (337) 896-4335.

Reg. Char. bulls, 12-15 mos., Budsmysdad & Big Sky breeding, cert. herd, \$1000/1-up. Stanley Lemoine, Plaquemine; (225) 659-7088.

Reg. Char. bulls, ready for service, great, big, stout, clean & tested, Big Sky & Budsmysdad breeding, cert. herd, \$1500/1-up. Walter Lemoine, Marksville; (318) 253-7939.

Reg. blk. Angus bulls & heifers, 15-18 mos., semen tested, cert.

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(25) Brangus & blk. Baldy type heifers, exposed to Angus bull, all vacc. up to date, gentle, \$700/1, if all taken; polled Hereford bull, 4 yrs., med. frame, gentle, \$800. Trent Clark, Moreauville; (318) 997-2281.

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(3) Beefmaster cross heifers, 13-16 mos., out of Lasater bred bulls, \$650/1 or \$1800/all. Dwight Bertrand, Elton; (337) 734-2129.

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Artificially bred, Brahman-Simm. bull, 18 mos., \$1000. Vernon Ainsworth, Delhi; (318) 722-6356.

(37) Heifers, (1) bull, wh. Brahman, Brangus & Braford, \$22,500. David Ponville, Donaldsonville; (225) 473-3340.

Reg. horned & polled Hereford bulls, 18 mos., excel. bloodlines & EPD's, well built, thick & deep, ready for service, semen tested, Bogalusa area, \$1500/1. William Bell, New Orleans; (504) 864-1565.

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Reg. polled pb Char. heifers, 8-9 mos., \$700/1-up; reg. yrlg bulls, \$875/1-up. Louis Quave, Bush; (985) 886-5557 or Peter Feringa, Covington; (985) 871-0317.

Reg. Simbrah bull, excel. show prospect, born 4/03, \$700. Kathy Reynaud, Marksville; (318) 253-4505 or (318) 201-1773.

(12) Good commercial heifers, Char., Braford, Baldies, \$550/1 or \$6300/all. Sammy Broussard, New Iberia; (337) 364-7681 or (337)

364-0237.

(30) Longhorn heifers, big, good color, big horn & calving soon, \$450/1. Harry Roark, Slaughter, (225) 654-8088.

(50) Longhorn/Mexican cross roping cattle, fresh, good horn, \$400/1. Jane Roark, Slaughter; (225) 654-8088.

Red/wh. ½ Watusi cow, w/large horns, good mama, \$800/1; red/blk. ¾ Watusi heifer, w/large horns, \$500/1. Kent Benton, Livingston; (225) 686-0248.

Blk. Angus bull, 5 yrs., no bad habits, gentle, \$950. Adam Dupuy, Marksville; (318) 253-9517.

Golden cert. F1 Brahman x Angus, 3 yr. heifer bred to Angus bull, \$950; pb Brangus cow, 3 yrs., bred to Angus bull, \$800. Rodney Hebert, Breaux Bridge; (337) 332-5474.

Commercial show heifers, halter broke, gentle, 500+ lbs., good selection, \$700/1-up. Brent Broussard, Jennings; (337) 824-5617.

2 Yr. Holstein Jersey nurse cow, w/(2) calves, \$1500; 2 yr. Guernsey nurse cow, w/(2) calves, \$1500. Sam McDonald, Sugartown; (337) 328-8876 or (337) 328-8886.

(40) crossbred heifers, bred, \$750/1; (2) Holstein heifers, bred, \$1200/1; (1) Holstein heifer, 6 mos., \$600. S. McDonald, Sugartown; (337) 328-8876 or (337) 328-8886.

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Reg. 3/8 x 5/8 Braford bull, 22 mos., excel. conform., super gentle, \$1200; (4) pb 3/8 x 5/8 Braford heifers, 11 mos.-14 mos., \$2800. Larry Duhon, Kaplan; (337) 652-6200.

(6) Cow/calf pairs, some 3/N/1's, Char., Braford & Black, super gentle cattle, 3-5 yrs., \$4350. Stefanie Duhon, Abbeville; (337) 652-6200.

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Reg. Braford bulls & heifers, champ. bloodlines, gain test leaders, heifers, \$700/1; 2 yr. bulls, \$1500/1. Fred Elsing, Alexandria; (318) 442-0741 or (318) 447-1145.

Reg. Char. 3/N/1's, \$1200-\$1500; bulls, 20-24 mos., \$1500-\$1800/1; open heifers, \$700/1; heavy-bred cows, \$1000/1. Harry Comeaux, Arnaudville; (337) 662-3270.

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Reg. Texas Longhorns, modern, deep bodied cattle, w/lots of color, bloodlines & horn, (1) young steer, \$225; (4) heifers & (1) bull, \$325-\$600/1 or \$2200/all. Ed Durr, Jr., Amite; (985) 748-5556.

Reg. Angus bulls, 15 mos.- 2 yrs., calves to show, gentle, \$700-\$975. H. J. Austin, Pineville; (318) 443-4253.

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nice, \$750; (4) open blk. heifers, 10 mos. & older, Fleckvick & Black Mick bloodline, all cattle with or w/o reg. papers, \$650/1-up. Mancel Brouillette, Marksville; (318) 253-9922.

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AQHA mare, granddaughter of Doc O'Lena, Puddenhead, Sugar Bars on bottom, bred to own son of Bob Acer Doc, 12 yrs., \$4000. Kaylee Douglas, Slaughter; (225) 921-0452.

AQHA geld., own son of Mr. Jess Perry, Panama Gold bottom, great barrel prospect, great conform., rides good, 6 yrs., \$7500. Janiece Douglas, Slaughter; (225) 921-0452.

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Yrlgs., Smart Lil Lena, Colonel Freckles, Handle Bar Doc, Gay Bar King, extra fancy, great movers, awesome prospect for cutting or performance, \$1500. Kathy Simoneaux, Opelousas; (337) 942-1880.

1999 AQHA sorrel mare, all around prospect, super handle, \$3500. Lisa Topham, Patterson; (985) 399-6879.

Reg. pb Arab. at stud, Egyptian/Spanish bloodlines, show quality, blks., 15.2+ hands, excel. temperament, foals to show & sell, \$500/1-up. Donavan Stoute, Opelousas; (337) 585-2642.

Reg. pb Arab. stallions, mares, colts & fillies, Egyptian/Spanish bloodstock, Ibn Halima, Morafic, Kabull, Barich de Washoe bloodlines, \$500 down & up. Jeff Dupre, Washington; (337) 585-2642.

2001 APHC brown filly, out of own daughter of Alias King, sire of Dreamfinder, by AQHA blk. stallion, both parents avail. for viewing, stocky build, excel. disp., \$900, no checks. Randy Causey, Walker; (225) 791-9471.

2000 AQHA gray mare, w/blk. points, Conclusive bred, green broke, heavy boned, \$1200, no checks. John Causey, Walker; (225) 791-9471.

6 Yr. AQHA blk. stallion, 15.1 hands, 1100 lbs., broke to ride, very easy breeder & good disp., Ima Cool Skip & Boston Mac bloodlines, get on site for viewing, \$4550, firm. J. Causey, Walker; (225) 791-9471.

2001 AQHA sorrel geld., sound, real nice looking, green broke, barrel racing, English etc., performance prospect. \$2500. S. Perrioux, St. Martinville; (337) 394-8807.

1995 APHA tobiano geld. sound,

good handle, real nice looking, will track calves, placed & won W. Pleasure classes, \$3500. R. Perrioux, St. Martinville; (337) 394-8807.

Reg. TW, (9) yrlgs., (13) weans., buckskin, pal., blue roan, spotted, sorrel, blk. & bay, \$1000/1; (3) geld., \$1600/1-up. L. D. Spears, Dry Creek; (337) 328-7365.

NQHR reg. bay/wh. filly, very gentle, w/beautiful markings, 5 mos., \$1300. Krystal Pickett, Washington; (337) 943-7639 or (318) 346-7488.

Pal. colt, \$600; chestnut filly ¼ Belgian \$800; (3) reg. spotted draft mares, all are blk./wh. tobiano, \$1500/1-up; reg. Belgian mare, 17.3 hands, 2000 lbs., show quality, drives & rides, \$4000. Ben Baggett, Mittie; (337) 639-2086.

AQHA & PHBA 2 yr. mare, Alvarado, Hollywood Gold & Puddenhead bloodlines, \$2000; AQHA colt, 5 mo. bay, Hollywood Gold, Puddenhead, Alvarado, Wimpy, Doc Bar, King & Leo bloodlines, \$1000. Clifford Freeman; Bridge City; (504) 436-2701.

Reg. Peruvian Paso geld., '98, bay, green broke but well gaited, tall & flashy, 2-rear socks, \$1950. Carol Thorig, Covington; (985) 893-8161.

Reg. Peruvian Paso stallion, '91, true blk., very long mane, tail & forelock, a gentle man, \$2400. C. Thorig, Covington; (985) 893-8161.

Reg. Paso Fino geld., 2 yrs., ready for training, \$1300; 4 yr. paint stallion, in training, \$3500. Allen Dugas, Tickfaw; (985) 542-0252.

APHA 5 yr. blk. breeding stock mare, very sweet & gentle, anyone can ride, great trail rider & started cattle sorting, \$2000. N. Stafford, Prairieville; (225) 673-3373.

AQHA 4 yr., line back red dun, big, flashy & gentle, trail riding & starting on cattle sorting, \$3000. Alvin Stafford, Prairieville; (225) 673-3373.

2001 Barlink Zip Code Paint mare, out of Coozalad daughter, winner of \$6000 futurity monies started under saddle, excel. all-around prospect, \$5000. Don Roberts, Zachary; (225) 261-5157.

12 Yr. sorrel geld., ½ QH/ ½ MFT, nice looking, excel. trail riding & family horse, \$1200. Andre Caubarreaux, Marksville; (318) 253-8805.

Reg. Arab. gray geld., 4 yrs., started on cows, grandson of national champ., \$4000. Linda Helo, Crowley; (337) 788-4002.

AQHA trained cutting horses, broodmares in foal & weans., \$5000/1-up. G. L. "Mike" Manuel, Crowley; (337) 581-6619.

2003 AQHA colt, by son of Colonel Freckles, out of daughter of Sport Model Ethan, granddaughter of Poco Bueno, \$1500. Kim Hartman, Walker; (225) 664-0472.

2003 AQHA sorrel filly, by son of Colonel Freckles, out of Dry Doc mare, \$1500; '02 AQHA sorrel geld., by son of Colonel Freckles, out of Dry Doc mare, \$1000 obo. K. Hartman, Walker; (225) 664-0472.

AQHA proven son of Special Effort fillies & colts, 1-3 yrs., out of Blondy's Dude mares, all horses microchipped, \$750/1-up. David Perkins, Braithwaite; (504) 682-2467.

Reg. MFT, gray mare, 5 yrs., w/3 mo. stud colt at side, \$3000/both. James Monnin, Winnsboro; (318) 435-5007.

Reg. MFT, gray mare, 5 yrs., good riding, w/5 mo. paint filly colt at side, \$4000/both. J. Monnin, Winnsboro; (318) 435-5007.

AQHA weans., gorgeous foundation bred pal., blk. & duns, Doc Bar, Peppy San Badger, Two-Eyed Jack & Zippo Pat Bars bloodlines, \$1000/1. Jim Kenney, Columbia; (318) 649-0777.

Blue paper MFT golden pal., 5/02, w/white tail & mane, Black Cloud grandson, gentle, halter broke, \$1000. Felix Brown, Bastrop; (318) 281-9339.

Mustang geld., dapple gray, broke & gentle, 5 yrs., \$750; filly, 19 mos., sorrel, blaze, \$400; TW filly, blk., 16 mos., \$400. Donnie Parker, Marksville; (318) 253-8244.

4 Yr. lineback dun geld., great trail ride horse, cattle horse, started roping, great handle, prefer adult or exp. horseperson, \$1500 obo. Dan Snider, Opelousas; (337) 942-6979.

19 Yr. sorrel QH mare, \$1000; 22 mo. ½ QH, ½ TWH sorrel filly, halter broke, \$750. Angie Baker, Shreveport; (318) 929-3041.

Jacks Destin, '93 APHC mare, '02 state 4-H judged events, champ. STPHA high point, national points, \$5500. Elton Luke, Folsom; (985) 796-0570.

(2) Blk. mules, 15+ hands, w/all harnesses & big covered wagon, equipped for week-long rides, \$6000/all. Earlin Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

(2) AQHA reg. fillies, (1) yrlg., (1) wean., Doc Bar, Peppy San, Puddenhead, Sonny Dee Bar, bloodlines, \$1000/1-up. A. Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

(1) Reg. App. geld., Cooterville Echohawk, Geronimo, Wapiti, Mansfield Comanche, Puddenhead, King P-234 bred; also mare mule, 14.2 hands, \$1000/1 neg. H. Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

Reg. spotted Saddle horse, 8 yr. blk./wh. geld., 15 hands, smooth gaits, experienced trail horse, \$2500 obo; gaited yrlg. filly, triple reg. b/w. sire, SSH/TWH, \$700, obo. Mary Moreland, New Iberia; (337) 365-2904.

12 Yr. TW American Saddle geld., good in woods on trails & good handle, \$1000. Tom Dauphine, Oberlin; (337) 639-2583 or (337) 230-8803.

Reg. Arabian blk. stallion, dbl. Aladdin, dbl. Bask, \$2500. Danny Ayo, Maurice; (337) 893-0988.

Reg. Arabian yrlg., blk. stud colt, dbl. Aladdin, quad. Bask, w/top bloodlines out of Live Oak Arabians & Gangi farms, \$2000. David Ayo, Maurice; (337) 893-0988.

Reg. Arabian wean., dbl. Aladdin, quad Bask, w/top bloodlines out of Live Oak Arabians & Gangi farms, \$2000. Jan Ayo, Maurice; (337) 893-0988.

Reg. Arabian mare, Bay Cognac granddaughter, in foal to reg. blk. Arab. stallion, pure Polish bloodlines, must sell, will sacrifice, \$1500. Danielle Ayo, Maurice; (337) 893-0988.

2001 filly by Peganitas Acre & Sport Model bred mare, very smart

& full of cow, stocky build, \$3000. Pat Plana, Denham Springs; (225) 664-1631.

7 Yr. red/wh. paint Welsh geld., 12 hands, good kid's horse, rides single or double, easy to load & catch, \$500. James Templet, Napoleonville; (985) 369-2797.

1999 Reg. AQHA geld., Doc Bar, Waggoneer, Leo breeding, grandson to Dry Doc, super gentle, excel. handle, stunt, ropes & pulls, excel. conform., \$4500. Larry Duhon, Kaplan; (337) 652-6200.

1999 AQHA gray geld., Docs Budha x Go Man Go grandson, good handle, excel. ranch horse & good barrel prospect, \$3500; 1999 AQHA bay geld., foundation bred, roped steers in pasture, \$3500. John Boudreaux, Abbeville; (337) 893-6743.

AQHA, LQHBA, 1/02 brown stud colt, Dash For Cash on papers, handled since birth, leads, ties & loads, race or run barrels, \$2500. Mike Passman, Amite; (985) 748-5094.

Donkey geld., 18 mos., 49", \$125; jack colt, 4 mos., w/mature to about 51", \$125. Wayne Smith, Glenmora; (318) 748-7272.

(2) 6 yr. QH, (1) Puddenhead mare; (1) Impressive bred geld., both ridable, \$1000/1 or \$1800/both. Christy Dicapo, Arnaudville; (337) 879-2551.

½ **Paso Fina**, ½ Welch, gaited geld., excel for kids, stays up w/grown gaited horses, \$650. Randy Deshotel, Oakdale; (318) 335-1172.

AQHA geld., 23 mos., foundation bred, bulldog type, stout, gentle, loads, ready to start, \$1000. J. Almond, Denham Springs; (225) 791-9581.

AQHA 3 yr. geld., easy keeper & loader, good handle, started on cattle, \$1800, or trade for cattle of same value. Shawn Simon, Jennings; (337) 824-2386.

1994 Sorrel AQHA geld., 15 hands, 1250 lbs., has won saddles, buckles, spurs, etc. in barrels & roping, super high school all around horse, \$8500. Kim Howell, Hinston; (318) 793-8587.

1998 AQHA sorrel geld., Go Man Go bloodline, 30 days heading & heeling, loping barrel patter, super rodeo horse prospect, \$2500. H. Howell, Hinston; (318) 793-8587.

2003 AQHA pal. filly, sire Dual Reward, dam Lena's Bar Jewel, by Hotshot Colonel, Colonel Freckles, Cutter Bill, out of Doc O'Lena mare, nice, \$5000. Jaenne Firmin, Abita Springs, (985) 875-9234.

1995 AQHA Buckskin mare, sire Hotshot Colonel, by Colonel Freckles, out of Doc O'Lena mare, was started cutting, \$3000, or w/pal. filly by Dual Reward, \$7500. J. Firmin, Abita Springs, (985) 875-9234.

1995 QH red dun mare, Impressive bred, experienced in barrels & poles, very fast, excel. trail horse, experienced rider needed, \$2000; '02 AQHA bay filly, Leo bred, green broke, very gentle, will make. excel. child's or beginners horse, used on trail rides, \$2000. Kristy Francis, Folsom; (985) 796-5085.

1986 AQHA dun geld., w/buckskin markings, beautiful color & excel. conform., grandson of

Wonder Seeker, great trail horse, \$2000. K. Francis, Folsom; (985) 796-5085.

2003 weans., all colors, Impressive, Ben Morgan, Quincy Feature, FS Quincy, Dan's Jet, Doc Bar, Ris Key Business, RR Risky Master Piece, Go Lucky Zip bloodlines, \$1000/1-up. J. B. Smith, Fields; (337) 786-3617.

Tobiano/Overo wh./bay paint mare, reg. # 679,200, foaled, 1/29/01, green broke, \$1500. C. M. Duplechian, Jennings; (337) 824-2989.

Bay & sorrel geld., kid proof, \$800/1; paint stallion, 12 yrs., 75% color, Cherokee Treasure, Leo, \$7500. Jim or Loretta Williams, Creston; (318) 875-4210.

Reg. ½ Arabs., almost twins, 1 yr. filly & 2 yr. geld., jet blk., w/wh. star, full brother & sister, very gentle, English & Western prospect, excel. bloodlines, must see, \$1500/1 or \$2600/pr. T. Monaghan, Denham Springs; (225) 665-8949.

4 Yr. bay paint geld., 15.2 hands, English or Western, excel. all around horse, \$4000; well bred paint stud cold, good manners, all shots, \$1500; 2 yr. QH mare, well bred, good in pasture & stall, \$1500. Jenny Redhead, Pride; (225) 658-9325.

AQHA sorrel mare, outstanding bloodlines, started on barrels, works cows & trail rides, great handle, neck reins, easy stop, trailer loads, stands tied, no problem, 15.2 hands, 1100 lbs., \$3000. Patti Thompson, Springfield; luckyt@charter.net or (225) 294-7976.

AQHA '03 dark chestnut filly, imprinted at birth & handled daily, Outstanding bloodline, Page Steel, Aguila Baron Chocolate Convoy, Zips Chocolate Chip, Doc Bar & others, \$1500 neg. Jim Thompson, Springfield; luckyt@charter.net or (225) 294-7976.

3 Yr. blk/wh. paint mare, gaited, good disp., easy handle, approx. 14 hands, \$1300. Polly Roszell, Deville; (318) 253-4376.

Bay paint filly, 4 mos., no papers, \$450; chestnut QH filly, 3 mos., no papers, \$350. Paul Harrison, Amite; (985) 748-7780.

½ **TW ½ QH**, 11 yr. bay geld., 15.5 hands, smooth gait, fast or slow, outstanding conform., chipped, shots, West Nile vacc., excel. trail, no bad habits, \$2500. Russell Dauzat, LaPlace; (504) 460-2104 or (504) 464-1133.

TW 10 yrs., 15.3 hands, real gentle, beautiful horse, no bad habits, \$1800. Kline Daigrepont, Lacombe; (985) 882-7278 or (985) 373-3669.

Radical Rodder's son, '01 sorrel geld., out of ROM pleasure mare, who has produced point earners, well started, great mind, movement & looks, \$5500. Greg Guidry, Westwego; (504) 364-3884.

AMHR miniature horses, \$600/up; young bay mare, priced to sell to good home, \$500. Cynthia Britton, Zachary; cynthiabritton@yahoo.com, Web page; www.dachshundfarm.com or (225) 658-9293.

Standard Jenny, 2 yrs., gentle, good w/cattle, \$225. R. Rice, Lena; (318) 793-9484.

Reg. TWHBEA, SSHBEA weans. & yrlds., stud colts, & fillies, \$1200/1-up. Lois Rodrigue, Vacherie; horsinaround@eatel.net or (225) 265-4654 or (504) 289-0923.

AMHR miniature stallion, 10 yrs., lineback dun, very gentle, \$750. Shirley Marshall, Hessmer; (318) 563-4983.

Andalusian stallion, 2 yrs., 15.3 hands, great dressage candidate, very willing & good temperament, out of champ. bloodlines, \$12,000. Randall Baudoin, Denham Springs; (225) 665-2186.

AQHA & Arab. horses, broodmares & performance horses, \$3000/1-up. Linda Helo, Crowley; (337) 788-4002.

(2) Small mares, \$400 & \$500; gelds., \$2500/1-up. Brenda Beauboeuf, Alexandria; (318) 443-8967.

Wanted: gentle female Shetland pony, suitable for teaching 5 yr. granddaughter to ride, no bad habits, reasonably priced. John Cox, Rayville; Jcox399659@aol.com or (318) 728-3901.

STALLION SERVICE

AQHA pal., Doc Bar, Peppy San, Puddenhead, Barpass Myers, King P-234, \$350/\$3 mare care. Earlin Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

Blk. & wh. App., Cooterville Echohawk, Geronimo, Wapiti, Mansfield Comanche, Puddenhead, King P-234, \$200/\$3 mare care. Hermina Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

APHA homozygous blk./wh. stallion, '98 Miss. grand champ. in halter, guaranteed paint, good conform., \$250/\$5 mare care. Perry Thomassie, Gonzales; (225) 644-5381 or (225) 644-4238.

28" Miniature horse, sorrel w/flex mane & tail, beautiful little stud w/very good disp., 2 yrs., \$100. Sandy Rabalais, Plaucheville; (318) 922-3513.

The horse of kings, the Andalusian, (2) stallions at stud, bred for bullfighting & dressage, imported & domestic bloodlines, \$600 other than Andalusian mares, \$5/mare care. Randall Baudoin, Denham Springs; (225) 665-2186.

Homozygous APHA blk./wh. stallion Skip-N-King, homozygous for paint & tobiano babies, reg. mares, \$350; grade mares, \$250. Beverly Bertrand, Branch; (337) 684-3028 or (337) 580-0161.

Reg. TWHBEA, SSHBEA 16 hands, blk./wh. tobiano stallion, \$250/\$5 mare care. Lois Rodrigue, Vacherie; horsinaround@eatel.net or (225) 265-4654 or (504) 289-0923.

SHEEP & GOATS

Fb IBGA reg. Boer kids, born 6/3/03 & 6/5/03, (2) billies, \$250/1. Ricky LoBell, Prairieville; (225) 715-9218.

NDGA reg. Nigerian dwarf goats, polled buckling, born

7/5/03, \$100. Debby Sharbaugh, Ethel; (225) 683-4919.

100% Boer nannies, (25) to choose from, marked correct, no papers, \$50/1. Mary Ann Rudesill, Pearl River; (985) 863-2155.

NDGA Nigerian dwarf goats, young billies, blue eyes, \$100/1. Cynthia Britton, Zachary; cynthiabritton@yahoo.com, Web page: www.dachshundfarm.com or (225) 658-9293.

Reg. 100% buck, \$500; reg. 100% does, some bred, \$175/1-up; reg. young does, \$150/1-up. David Antee, Montgomery; (318) 646-2885.

(2) Percentage billy Boers, \$60/1; (1) percentage billy Boer, \$80. Ricky J. Deshotel, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4032.

(2) Reg. Alpine does, (1) 3 yrs., (1) 2 1/2 yrs., now milking over 1-gal. per day, \$150/1. Carroll Songy, Loranger; (985) 902-9073.

(2) Reg. male Katahdin, born 2/22/03 & 12/18/02, all wh. & other has blk. feet & spotted face, \$125/1. Wayne Plauche, Carencro; (337) 896-0534.

Reg. pure blk. Nubian buck, born 12/1/02, Longman bloodline, \$150. Anthony Pitt, Scott; (337) 232-2452.

Boers, fb & percentages, nannies & billies, 4-6 mos., all reg. IBGA, \$100/1-up. Cooper or Kurt Allen, Walker; (225) 664-8557 or (225) 665-6068.

Fb Boers, reds, paints & corrects, herd dispersal, \$150-\$500/1. Blake Boone, Church Point; (337) 344-3405 or (337) 684-5496.

LIVESTOCK DOGS

Only trained farm stockdogs or offspring from trained stockdogs are eligible to be advertised. Include dog's breeding and special training or ability that qualifies it as a stockdog. A signed statement must accompany each notice indicating these facts before the ad can be published.

AKC Lab puppies, blk. & yellow, excel. hunting pedigree, hips & eyes certified, born 6/18, \$200-\$300. Jennifer Young, Zachary; (225) 654-3264 or (225) 445-5012.

Reg. McNabs, out of top working bloodlines in Calif., started on livestock, 7 mos., \$400. Danny Ayo, Maurice; (337) 893-0988.

NALC Catahoula pups, from working stock, \$75-\$150/1. C. W. Crews, Deville; (318) 466-5626.

Great Pyrenees male pups, born 4/2/03, raised w/goats, \$100/1. Phyllis Williams, Tallulah; (318) 574-4766 or (318) 574-1858.

Reg. Border collie pups, grandsons of "1998 G.C.S.A. Open Dog of the Year", grandsons of Spurs, '00 world champ. cattle dog, 1st shots, \$300/1. Paul Ribaudo, Alexandria; (318) 442-1132.

CKC rat terrier pups, male & female, \$200/1; CKC Jack russell terrier pups, smooth coat, short legged, \$350/1; CKC Jack russell terrier stud service avail., \$300. Cynthia Britton, Zachary; cynthiabritton@yahoo.com, Web page: www.dachshundfarm.com or (225) 658-9293.

Reg. Border collie pups, also

started & trained farm dogs, sired by parents from Wales & Scotland, will demonstrate parents at work, pups have 1st shots & papers, \$300/1. Rodney Cotton, Pineville; (318) 640-2042.

SWINE

(5) Baby pot-bellied pigs, \$20/1. Tom Thrasher, Lacombe; (985) 882-3234.

(20) Weaner pigs, white, lean, Yorkshire landrace cross, wormed and castrated, 6 wks., \$25/1. Jorden Werger, Sunset; (337) 662-3672.

Feeder/Weaning pigs, weaning to 200 lbs., corn fed on concrete, \$35/1-up. J.B. Richard, Scott; (337) 269-1755.

DOMESTIC BIRDS & EQUIPMENT

Rosellas, fiery split to lutino male, proven, \$300; young crimson male, \$300; young DNA pr. of crimsons, \$700; Bourkes, \$35/1-up; scarlet-chested parakeets, \$125/1; canaries, \$50/1-up. Marie Johnston, Morgan City; (985) 395-2326.

Young cockatiels, \$40 & \$50/1. E. Baker, Springfield; (225) 294-9298.

Hf umbrella cockatoo, very tame & talking, w/very large cage on rollers, \$1000. Jan Ayo, Maurice; (337) 893-0988.

(1) Green & (1) lutino, 10 mos., ringneck, \$125/both; (2) young baby lutino ringnecks, \$75/1; or \$200/all. Adam Verrett, Morgan City; (985) 384-0486.

Canaries, red factor & red mosaics, \$50/1. Jimmy Jarreau, Prairieville; (225) 622-1781.

Gouldians, \$115/pr.; orange cheeks, \$20/1; spice, \$12/1; orange weavers, \$10/1; zebras, \$7/1; societies, \$5/1. Daniel Chauvin, Houma; (985) 876-7966.

Ringneck doves, proven prs., \$20/1-up; dove cage, (12) compartments, w/(12) proven prs., doves, \$300. J. Roy Bernard, Carencro; (337) 896-8619.

Parrots, breeder prs., Mexican redheads, \$600; orange wings, \$350. Ricky LoBell, Prairieville; (225) 715-9218.

(14) Doves, w/eggs & babies, \$70; (50) pr. fancy Indian ringnecks, \$10,000; mature dbl. yellow head Amazon male, \$500; red lory Amazon female, \$250; blue-front male, \$250. Joe Guidry, Dusan; (337) 873-8887.

Hf babies, Timneh African grays, \$650; blue-crown conures, \$250; sun conure, \$250; gold-mantle rosellas, \$150; used cages avail., \$10-\$75/1. Patsy Guidry, Dusan; (337) 873-8887.

Blue & gold proven pr., \$1800; non-proven pr., \$1000; DYH Amazon, \$1300/pr.; Quaker parrot prs., \$275; (1) male, \$125. C. Hunt, Leesville; (337) 238-0084.

Breeder prs., Eclectus, (Vos.) \$1100/pr.; B & G macaws, \$1500/pr.; blue-crown conure, \$400/pr., sun conures, \$675/pr.; cockatiels, \$50/pr.; Quaker, \$100/1;

hf babies, cockatiels, \$35/1; Patagonian conure, \$300/1. Mary Vidrine, Eunice; (337) 457-1163.

Indian ringneck parakeets, green/blue, \$55/1; green/yellow head fallow, \$250/1; 1 yr. turquoise or creamino, \$150/1; Alexandrians, \$175/1; violet-dark green, \$1000/1; violets, \$2000/1. Kent Benton, Livingston; (225) 686-0248.

Ringneck doves, normals & wh. \$7.5 & \$10/1; proven mated prs. \$25 & \$35/pr., will ship. Thomas J. Rowell, Crowley; (337) 783-5729.

Diamond doves, blue-wh. tails, silver-wh. tails, cinnamon-wh. tails, yellow, yellow-wh. tails & red, all closed banded, \$20/1-up. Mervin Faul, Iowa; (337) 582-6674.

Parakeets, \$8/1-up; cockatiels, \$30/1-up; lovebirds, \$25/1-up; finches, \$8/1; green cheek conure, \$125. Clara Broussard, Abbeville; (337) 893-6745.

Beautiful dbl. yellow-head Amazon, proven breeders, \$1000/pr.; S. S. male Quaker breeders, 2 yrs., \$80/1; green-cheek male conure, \$100/1. M. Duckett, Metairie; (504) 887-8887.

Gouldian finches, normals, \$115/pr.; yellows & blues avail., societies, \$5/1, call between 5-9 p.m. Don or Brandi Martinez; Thibodaux; (985) 633-2707.

Ringneck doves, normals & fawn, good for gumbo, \$1.5/1 if (25) are taken; \$2/1 if less taken. Richard Millikin, Oak Grove; (318) 428-2604.

Parakeets, breeders & baby birds, fancy colors, \$5/1; (1) tri-colored zebra finches, \$5/1, no checks, yard sale only. Joseph O. Hains, Jr., New Orleans; (504) 241-6245.

Indian ringneck parakeets, (4) babies, 5 mos., split to b/w, \$100/1; zebra finches, \$5/1; lovebirds, \$25/1; cockatiels, \$25-\$40/1. Thelma Breaux, New Iberia; (337) 364-4854.

Male weaver finches, \$15/1; young parakeets, \$10/1; cockatiels, yellow & mix yellows, \$35/1; lovebirds, \$20/1. Warren Oubre, Lutchter; (225) 869-3656.

Wanted: a Solomon Island Eclectus, breeder male, would like to trade a breeder male citron cockatoo for him. Gerard Peytavin, Folsom; (985) 796-3322.

Wanted: incubator, 300-400 egg capacity. Louis Plaisance, Cut Off; (985) 632-5461 or (985) 632-6288.

POULTRY, FOWL & EGGS

Mixed breed & crossbred chickens, \$4-\$6/1; Peking, blk. Swedish, mostly male ducks, \$7/1. Kathy Matte, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 543-7130.

Mallard ducks, babies to mature flyers, \$3.5-\$8/1. Jennifer Young, Zachary; (225) 654-3264 or (225) 445-5012.

Flying mallards, breeder, \$20/pr.; \$100/6 pr.; \$10/1; day old, \$2/1; mos. old., \$3/1-up, pick up or ship. Sunny Daigle, Lake Charles; sunprapa29@aol.com, (337) 598-2072 or (337) 540-2413.

Flying mallards, \$25/trio. Laris Borne, Hayes; (337) 622-3331.

Flying mallards, flight cond., \$7/1; bobwhite quails, flight cond., \$3/1. Geraldine Janise, Church Point; (337) 684-6871.

Guineas, half grown, \$4/1. Milton Allen, Denham Springs; (225) 665-7606.

Chicken house to be torn down, like new tin, \$12/per sheet; new brooders, \$80; feed bin, \$850; Ziggity waters, \$1500; curtain machine, \$150. Raymond Duke, Choudrant; (318) 768-2556.

3/4 Grown muscovy ducks, \$3/1. B. Soileau, Mamou; (337) 468-5622.

Super large quail hatching eggs, \$25/100, plus \$12 S & H, live birds, 75¢/1-up; dressed quail, \$23/doz.; pickled eggs, \$4/pt. G. R. Chauvin, Schriever; (985) 448-3360.

Dominique chicks, 1-10 wks., 75¢/1-up, will del. for small fee. Keiffer Meyer, Baker; (225) 261-9533.

Game chickens, \$5/1. Paul Harrison, Amite; (985) 748-7780.

Beltsville small wh. turkeys, Rhode Island red bantams, standard wh. Cornish, wh., blk. & dark Cornish bantams, good quality, \$8-\$15/1. Stuart Gauthier, Vermillion; (337) 643-6041.

(2) Incubators, Phoenix, completely automatic, \$1200; McCall's like GQF only 5 tray, automatic, \$600. Don Musick, Monroe; (318) 343-9402.

2003 Peafowl, blue, blk. shoulder, wh., \$25-\$30/1; mandarin breeders, \$550/pr.; standard cochin chicks, \$2/1; silkies, \$1/1; doves, \$8/1, others avail. Mark Lumetta, Amite; (985) 748-6257.

Peacocks, blk. shouldered male, blue pied, wh., java green, 4-6 yrs., \$100-\$200; '03 hatch peachicks, \$30/1-up; mix breed game chickens, \$5/1-up, chicks, \$1/1-up; guineas, \$7/1-up. Darren Mallet, Denham Springs; (225) 664-5536.

Large rooster, \$5/1; mixed-breed chickens, 3 mos., \$2.5/1. Frank Arnold, Breaux Bridge; (337) 667-6632.

Pharaoh quail chicks, 25¢/1; hatching eggs, 10¢/1; pickling eggs, 6¢/1; Texas A & M wh. quail chicks, 25¢/1. Patti Arnold, Cecilia; (337) 667-6632.

Peacocks, blk. shoulder, wh., spalding & blue pied, 2-3 yrs., \$75-\$100; peachicks, 2003 hatch, \$25-\$35. Harves George, Flatwoods; (318) 793-4384.

Wood ducks, pinioned, \$15/1; northern bobwhite quail, \$1.5/1. Doc Lanier, Youngsville; (337) 856-5456.

Wh. muscovy ducks, (9) young 3/4 grown & (2) mature, \$40/all. Buford Landreneau, Washington; (337) 363-8095.

Very rare West African crown crane pr., only serious inquiry, please call or email for pictures \$3500/pr. Damian Shaheen, Opelousas; shaheen@charter.net or (337) 948-3437.

Pea chicks, India blue, blk. shouldered, \$10/1; adult male turkeys, \$15/1. Marilyn Clark, Grosse Tete; (225) 648-2304.

Bantams, all colors, \$3/1-up; quails, Pharaoh, Manchurian & whs., \$1.5/1-up; quail eggs, \$10/100. Nelson Landry, New Iberia; (337) 365-4538.

Red jungle fowl roosters, pb, \$10/1; silkies x jf roosters, \$6/1; flying mallard drakes, \$5-\$10/1. Kent Benton, Livingston; (225) 686-0248.

Baby muscovy ducks, \$3/1. W. Vetsch, New Orleans; (504) 482-2662.

Chicken brooder, (5) story, metal feed store type, all elec. heat, w/thermostat controls & lights, good cond., \$500. James Breaux, New Iberia; (337) 364-4854.

(40) Miniature laying dark Cornish hens, \$7/1; (15) roosters, \$9/1. Norman Ordoneaux, Lake Arthur; (337) 774-2641.

PIGEONS

Utility wh. Kings mated, \$20/pr.; Utility wh. Kings, \$7.50/1. Alex Prejean, Scott; (337) 896-6115.

Cross & F. Mondaines, giant Homers, King, T. Pioneers, 5 pairs, \$50/all. Steve Dwyer, Lacombe; (985) 727-5538.

Racing Homer pigeons, various colors, \$5/1-up; Birmingham rollers, various colors, singles & prs., \$5/1-up. D. Johnson, Baton Rouge; (225) 267-9842.

DEER & EXOTICS

13 mo. Northern whitetail buck, non-typical, 18 pt., \$10,000; 2 yr. Northern whitetail buck, non-typical, 17 pt., \$12,500. Clifford Carpenter, DeRidder; (337) 328-7288.

RABBITS & EQUIPMENT

Lop bunnies, blk., brown, wh. w/brown, 2 mos., males & females, \$10/1; breeder buck, \$20. R. Myers, Franklinton; (985) 839-5123.

Pedigree Flemish giant, Dutch, NZ & San Juan, \$6/1-up; 14 gauge wire cage for giants, \$75. Gary McClure, Jackson; (225) 654-6877.

Dutch, all colors, Netherland dwarfs, mini rex, NZ, Calif., mixed breed, \$6/1-up. Nelson Landry, New Iberia; (337) 365-4538.

(2) Bucks, (4) does, bunnies, mixed, NZW, Calif. & Flemish giants, good meat rabbits, cages, feeders & water system, w/regulator, \$200 obo. Joey Brasseaux, Crowley; (337) 783-1145.

Ped. or non ped., seed stock, NZW & mini rexs, \$10/1. Dextel Terrebonne, Gibson; (985) 868-2693.

Pedigree Flemish giant buck & doe, \$25/1. J. LeBleu, Basile; (337) 432-5619.

(5) Compartment wire cage, w/feeders, \$65; (2) compartment wire cage, \$30; rabbits, various colors, breeding does, \$15/1; bucks, \$15/1; bunnies, \$10/1. D. Johnson, Baton Rouge; (225) 267-9842.

Pb mini rex, show quality, \$15/1. Jay Thibodeaux, Opelousas; (337) 948-6427.

NZW & Flemish mixed, \$7/1-

up, no checks. Bruce Batiste, Slidell; (985) 639-9770.

Mini rex, \$10/1-up, pet, breeding & show quality. Diana Jacobson, Amite; Diana@friendshippines-farms.com or (985) 748-5820.

AQUACULTURE & EQUIPMENT

Blue Catfish, 25¢/1; channel catfish, 20¢/1; hybrid bluegill, 25¢/1; coppernose bluegill, 20¢/1; Chinquapin, 25¢/1; bass, 50¢/1-up; koi, 50¢/1-up, del. avail. David Lowe, Minden; (318) 377-1525.

Bass, 60¢; **bluegill** & red ear, 24¢; minnows, 3¢; catfish, 20¢/up; triploid grass carp, \$12. Paul Picard, Liberty; (800) 820-2606.

Aluminum crawfish boat, w/8 hp, go-devil & 270 crawfish traps, \$1600; 16" low lift pump, w/353 Detroit power unit & steel skid, \$3500. Tim Martinez, Labadieville; (985) 526-4427.

BEES/HONEY

Complete beekeeping operation, (4) hives, no bees, (2) extractors, lots of equipment & materials, too much to list, \$1100. Carl Reece, Gilliam; (318) 222-8400 or (318) 296-4296.

Honey for sale, \$6/qt., or \$20/gal., 3:30-7:00 p.m. weekdays, all day Sat. & Sun. Danny Head, Baton Rouge; (225) 261-8510.

Medium boxes, 9-frame plastic cell, \$6; deep boxes, 9-frame plastic cell, \$8; decapper & auger, (2) extractors, \$1500. Mark Dison, Spearsville; (318) 778-3831 or (870) 818-8024.

FERTILIZER

Horse manure, \$1/all, you load. Linda Helo, Crowley; (337) 788-4002.

RURAL PROPERTIES

Must offer ten (10) or more adjoining acres of land located in Louisiana. Farmland ads MUST include accompaniments (house, barn, hay field, garden, and what the land is best suited for). Proof of ownership may be required. All ads MUST be accompanied by the following owner-signed statement: "This property is personally owned by me and is not offered for sale by a licensed real estate dealer, broker or salesman."

120 Acres pasture & 40 acres, L.L. pine, can be divided, 3 BR house, needs repairs, used for cattle & hay, Hwy. 27, 2 miles N. Jim West Road, \$400,000. Gerald McDonald, DeRidder; (337) 462-2117.

Red River Parish, 110 acres, 3/3 home, 2269 sq./ft, barns, improved pastures, ponds, spring-fed creeks, light timber, fenced, can be divided, \$220,000. David Williams, Ringgold; (318) 932-4482.

10 acres, located 4 miles east of Eunice, \$5500/acre. Gwyn Kirby, Denham Springs; (337) 665-4413.

FARM SERVICES

Seven Star stables, full or partial board, clean & hazard free facility, located 10 minutes from Port Allen off Hwy. 190, 60+ acres for riding. Chris or Donna Leger, Plaquemine; (225) 687-2047 or (225) 776-2843.

Freeze branding now avail., identification that is humane & visible year around, \$45. Kim, Cade; (337) 344-3171.

Wanted: someone to cut hay, 15.3 acres, clean fert. Bahia, round bales only, call w/price. Ron Harvey, Greenwell Springs; (225) 405-7856.

SEEDS, FLOWERS & ORNAMENTALS

White shallot seeds, separated, \$1.5/lb.; platted garlic, (24) clusters, \$7. Paul Troxclair, Plaquemine; (225) 545-3739.

Gourds, large birdhouse, dipper & cushaw, crookneck, green stripe, \$1.5/30 seeds, w/SASE. James Robin, Sr., 4017 Hwy. 357, Opelousas, La., 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Red bird of paradise, \$10/1; rose of Montana vine, \$8/1; Lilly of the Nile, \$6/1; new Texas red star, \$1.5/pkt., w/SASE. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles 70601; (337) 478-7075.

New crop Dutch hybrid amaryllis seeds, dark red, pink & white, \$2/20 seeds, w/SASE. Arthur Becnel, 14123 Hwy. 23, Belle Chasse, LA 70037; (504) 656-2424.

Altheas, \$2.5/1-gal.; amaryllis, 2-4 yrs., \$3-4/1; (2) lg. bird of paradise, potted, 6' tall, \$25/1; potted Fleur D' Amaure, good for patio plant, \$10-\$15/1; potted bougainvillea, \$4/1. James Murry, Metairie; (504) 733-7180 or (985) 748-4630.

Wax begonias, \$3.5/gal.; hanging baskets, \$4.5/1; gardenias, \$3.5/gal.; 4" potted, \$2/1; kalanchoes, 4" potted, \$2.5/1; spider plant, hanging baskets, \$4.5/1; various potted plants, \$2-\$4/1. Roy Murry, Metairie; (504) 733-7180.

Wanted: bird eye hot pepper seed. Darlene Turnage, Baskin; (318) 248-2475.

Wanted: cream-12 field pea seed. R. D. Funderburk, Florien; (318) 586-4282.

Wanted: rose of Montana vine seeds. Dorothy Mayard, Harahan; (504) 737-1732.

TREES & FRUITING VINES

Oak trees, \$5/1-up; chinaberry trees, \$5-\$12/1; Celeste, green ishia & honey dew figs, \$6/1; pomegranate, \$8/1; peach trees, \$5/1-up. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles, 70601; (337) 478-7075.

Pecan trees, Sumner, 2 yrs., 10-gal., \$30/1; cypress & river birch 3-gal., \$6/1. James Robin, Sr., Opelousas; (337) 407-0188.

Fig trees, 2 yrs., \$9.5/2-gal., at place, 8 varieties, SASE for list. Betty Robin, 4017 Hwy. 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Asian Persimmon trees, non-astringent varieties, seruga, fuyu kaki, native Virginiana, wild, \$10/4-gal. Cynthia Becnel, Belle Chasse; (504) 656-3375.

Mayhaw trees, fruited varieties, also red mulberry, Chickasaw plum, crabapple, catalpa, native magnolia, burr oak, \$7-\$25/1. Kent Benton, Livingston; (225) 686-0248.

Celeste & brown turkey fig, Southern magnolia, Japanese plum, Japanese yew, \$8/3-gal.; lemon grass, monkey grass, Burford holly, \$3/1-gal.; wax myrtle, \$5/3-gal. James Stelly, Eunice; (337) 457-4528.

HAY & GRAIN

Bulk homemade cattle feed, 12% protein, \$141.5-\$168/ton, also avail. sacked. J. C. Landreneau, Ville Platte; (337) 363-6088.

Mix grass hay, 2003 baled, w/o rain, 4x5 bales, \$18.5/1. David McDaniel, Ville Platte; (337) 461-2499 or (337) 831-3746.

Alicia Bermuda grass, clean, fert. to soil test, 1000 bales, \$25/1; \$20/1 if 10 or more purchased, del. avail. Roy Varnado, Jr., Iota; (337) 824-3887.

2003 Bahia 4x5 rd. bales, \$17/1 or \$15/1 for 100 or more, del. avail., \$4/1. Robby Rodrigue, Plaquemine; (225) 685-1137.

Argentine Bahia, horse quality, sq. bales \$3 in field; \$3.5 in barn; 4x4 rd. bales in field, \$18; in barn, \$20. Richard Reed, Independence; (985) 878-2330.

2003 Bahia & Jiggs Bermuda, 4x6 rd. bales, \$20 for Bahia; \$30 for Jiggs, del. \$5/1. Donald Crawford, Broussard; (337) 989-9675.

2003 Quality Jiggs Bermuda, \$3.5/bale in barn; \$4-\$4.5/ bale del., but not unloaded. Don Bernard, Broussard; (337) 989-9675.

2003 Rd. bales of Alicia/Bahia/Triflon 44 hay, \$37.5/1, hauling avail. Wayne Ward, Saline; 179erma@bellsouth.net or (318) 576-3389 or (318) 576-9913.

Bermuda Jiggs 4x5 rd. bales, \$18/1 in field, some del. available; booking orders for sq. bales, \$3/1, in field. Ron Williams, Jennings; (337) 824-5586.

Bahia 4 x 5 rd. bale in barn, fertilized and limed to soil test, cured w/o rain, \$25/1. Daniel Schleismann, Husser; (985) 748-7663.

High quality 2003 Bermuda hay, fertilized, no weeds, \$3/ bale. Junior Mitchell, Marthaville; (318) 472-8429.

Bermuda grass sq. baled hay, excel. horse hay, fert., high quality, no weeds, no rain, \$2.5/1, from field, \$2.75/1, from barn. Ricky Rea, Bernice; (318) 285-7566.

2003 Horse hay, 1st & 2nd cutting, limed, weed free, 400 lbs. of fert. an acre, cut short, heavy sq. bales, \$3.25/1, in field, \$3.5/1, in

barn. David Joiner, Loranger; (985) 878-6734 or (985) 878-9002.

Alicia Bermuda, horse quality, \$3.25-\$3.5; Bahia \$2.5; wheat straw \$2.5; 5 x 5 rd. bales Bahia, \$20-\$25; Alicia \$35, we load rd., you load sq. David Fontenot, Ville Platte; (337) 363-3523 or (337) 363-4334.

2003 Fert. Jiggs Bermuda hay, rd. bales, \$15/1; sq. bales in field, \$2.75; sq. bales in barn, \$3.5. F. J. Littleton, Lecompte; (318) 776-5379.

Fert. Bahia, Alicia 4x5 rd. bales, cond., cut & cured, \$20/1. C. M. Duplechian, Jennings; (337) 824-2989.

2003 Hay behind baler, Alicia Bermuda, sq. bale, \$4/1; Bahia grass, sq. bale, \$3.5, we load; rd. bales, 6x5, \$35/1. Delos Thompson, Jr., Folsom; (985) 796-9872.

Large rd. bales, \$18/1. Cody Goodner, Sulphur; (337) 558-5106.

TRACTORS & EQUIPMENT

Shredder, 5', needs top & side, rest in good cond., \$150. Elvin Lafleur, Ville Platte; (337) 363-2079.

Big turning plow, 3pt. hitch, \$100. A. P. Rachel, Ethel; (225) 683-4361.

4' finishing mower, 3 pt. hitch, great shape, \$600; 18 hp Yanmar diesel trac., PTO, 3 pt. hitch, great shape, \$3800. Melissa Henry, Patterson; (985) 395-6015.

34 Lima crawler crane, 65' boom, 15' jib, ¾ yard bucket, \$5500; 2500 lb. drop hammer, filer block, no leads, \$500; 400 Vulcan extractor, \$3500. David Queenan, Lake Charles; (337) 496-7972.

850B Case loader, new motor, sprockets undercarriage & pads, all hyd. cyl. rebuilt, tooth bar, \$17,000. Linda Pounders, Gretna; (504) 361-5230.

Shelbourne Reynolds, 20' stripper header & tracks, \$10,000. Brian Johnson, St. Landry; (318) 838-2919.

Lockwood pecan tree shaker, trac. mount, Cat II, self contained w/hyd. tank & pump, \$2000. Al Ducote, Lakeland; (225) 627-4611.

Farmall AV hi-wheel trac., \$1200; NH 851 baler, 5' x 5' hyd. tie, \$2000. Michael Dupre, Washington; (337) 826-5941.

MF 243 exhaust, porcelain coated for durability, \$150. Dextel Terrebonne, Gibson; (985) 209-0026.

10' Rhino shredder, good cond., \$2500. Glen Leger, Opelousas; (337) 543-4303 or (337) 945-5158.

Heavy duty flail mower, 6' wide cut, 3 pt. hitch, \$300. Louis Castille, Lafayette; (337) 235-9951.

Komatsu dozer, D38E, 1997, 2500 hrs., excel. cond., \$39,500. Charlie Pitre, Gonzales; (225) 445-4745.

7' Heavy duty bush hog, modern, \$800; Int. 1066 w/blade, 120 hp, new tires, \$7500. Jim Hebert, Eunice; (337) 432-5104.

(2) Shredders, 7' pull type, 6' 3 pt. hitch, needs work, \$50/1; 8-row spray rig, \$50; JD 4-row bed leveler, \$50; Taylorway 8-row cult.,

\$250. Hubert Soileau, Bunkie; (337) 826-3837.

Oliver diesel trac., 50 hp, \$2400; Ford 8N, \$2000; JD trac., \$1700; Ford 9N, \$2000; grooming mower, 3 pt. hitch, \$600. Lurry LaBorde, Mansura; (318) 563-4931 or (318) 359-8587.

50 hp Mahindra trac., canopy, hyd., 380 hrs., excel. cond., shed kept, \$8300. Christy Dicap, Arnaudville; (337) 879-2551.

PTO driven Generac generator, 80 kw surge/40 kw continuous, \$3200. Paul Harrison, Amite; (985) 748-7780.

Farmall cub trac., w/belly mower, good cond., runs good, \$1600 obo; red Farmall cub trac., w/belly mower, good cond., \$1600 obo. Jill Hutcheson, Ponchatoula; jllhutch@yahoo.com, (985) 370-6922 or (985) 507-6657.

Farmall cub, yellow & wh., belly mower, drawbar, \$1950. Burel Smith, Lake Charles; (337) 855-3058.

JD 7720 combine, '82 model, 18' header, 4 wd, \$15,000; Shelbourne Reynolds, 20' stripper header & trailer, \$10,000. R. Klump, Eunice; (337) 432-5125.

Cub, \$1400; plow tools, \$350; belly mower, \$350; draw bars, \$65/1; 650 Dortch, \$4500; Farmall-A trac., for parts, \$500; (3) 18" turning plows, \$75/1; bush hog, \$300; 5 sets of planters & fert. distributors, \$100/1-up; assorted tools for trac., \$25/1-up. John Womack, Winnfield; (318) 628-6768.

Ford 800, rebuilt motor, tran. hyd., \$3000; Super "C", w/drag bush hog, \$450; Super "A", w/cult., \$2000. Harles Goins, Chatham; (318) 249-2611.

Ford 542 sq. baler, baled 250 bales last year, \$700; JD 7' sickle mower, \$100. Ellis Sanson, Jonesville; (318) 339-8926.

730 JD diesel, 2 cyl., Popping John 1958 model, 60 hp, hand clutch, 3 pt. hitch, live PTO, new rear tires, remote hyd., everything works, \$5000. E. Sanson, Jonesville; (318) 339-8926.

542 Ford sq. baler, good cond., \$1000; Ford side del. rake, \$500. Gary Burks, Starks; (337) 743-5487.

Crustbuster grain drill, excel. cond., \$1500; W & A 8-row hippo, w/Orthman row markers, \$2600; irrigation pumps, 6" x 8" trailer mounted, PTO driven, \$1500. Bobby Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

1973 JD 4030 80 hp, diesel, runs great, good tires, 3 pt. hitch, dual remote hyd., Syncro Range, 8 spd., trans. & 4-post canopy, \$8000 obo. Landon Richards, Greenwell Springs; (225) 658-0357 or (225) 939-6203.

Miller 225 Bobcat welder, w/8 kw generator & leads, \$1500. Glenn Sherman, Kentwood; (985) 748-7444.

784 IH diesel, p/s, \$5000; 484 IH diesel, p/s, \$4800; JD 375 rd. baler, w/feed, \$2500; NH 256 rake, \$650; NH 845 rd. baler, \$1600; NH 849 rd. baler, \$2200; 8' disc mower, \$675. R. Coldiron, Jonesville; (318) 339-7876.

6300 JD loader, cab/air, 2000 hrs., \$32,850, or take older trac. on trade; 210 LC Samsung trackhoe, 500 hrs., \$65,000; '96 Ford 575 backhoe, 1100 hrs., \$22,500.

William Lucky, Bossier City; (318) 347-6806 or (318) 747-8820.

Farmall model 140., runs good, w/row makers & 5' box blade, \$4000. Billy Allen, Jackson; (225) 634-7259.

Vermeer 502 A stump grinder, 56 hrs., \$17,500. Raymond Nicholas, Clinton; (225) 683-9497.

JD 3350 cab/air synchronize shift, mechanical FWD, low hrs., w/770 Great Bend self leveling loader, \$28,000. Rudy Douglas, Slaughter; (225) 921-0452.

3' x 7' Drag harrow, built w/ 2 3/8" pipe frame, built on 3 pt. hitch, has 5" teeth on bottom, \$250. Larry Duhon, Kaplan; (337) 652-6200.

Bush hog fornt-end loader/hay fork, as is, no hoses broken or leaking, but some need replacing, \$1500. Kenn Miller, Kentwood; (985) 229-3074.

205 Cat track hoe, good & tight, \$20,000; grade all, \$4000; HL 560 Henley, needs repair, \$2000; D17, 100 hp diesel, \$1000; Bobcat, Perkins diesel, \$5000. Joe Robinson, Thibodaux; (985) 633-2904.

Ford 340 industrial '81, 3 pt., PTO, front-end loader, pallet forks & hay spear, full ROP & cover, \$6000. Kirk Richard, Vinton; (337) 589-4330.

Case IH 1822, 2-row cotton picker, w/bar tender, excel. cond., \$8500; Caldwell boll buggy, excel. cond., \$4500. H. C. Bonne, Jr., Lecompte; (318) 776-9458.

Krause disc, 25' batwing, new front gangs, hyd. hoses & cyl., good cond., \$3500 obo. Blair LeBlanc, Youngsville; (337) 857-0025.

7' Land Pride grooming mower, w/rear discharge, like new cond., \$1700. Roy Adams, Morse; (337) 783-7313.

6610 Ford trac., w/5' Motrim side boom mower, \$15,000; Farmall cub trac., w/Woods belly mower, \$1500. Roland Stein, Convent; (225) 562-7138.

Vermeer 605E baler, shed stored, has extra repair parts, \$2000. Herbert Thibodeaux, Eunice; (337) 457-2359.

ARPS backhoe, 3 pt. hookup, 10' reach, good cond., \$4600. Russell Bonnet, Scott; (337) 235-1296.

Woods backhoe model 6500, will fit any trac., used eight hrs., \$4500. Curby Richard, Evangeline; (337) 824-1424.

(2) 1-row Cameco "H" 7000 cane cutters, Caterpillar engines, used last cane season, \$2500/1; 10' Kuhn whirl wind, \$1500; "V" ditcher trans., \$500. Allen Foret, Raceland; (985) 537-6181.

Sheet metal for Ford 4000, 5000 or 5600 trac., left & right hood panels, radiator shell, upper & lower grills & steering wheel, \$350/all. Sal Cali, Hammond; (985) 345-4790.

Set of front weights for JD trac., \$75; JD 15' BW disc, new front blades & new bearings, \$900. Austin Casanova, Amite; (985) 748-7363.

1995 JD 385 rd. baler, \$8900; 1993 NH 660 rd. baler, \$6900; 1995 NH 408 mower conditioner, \$5900, all prices neg. Chuck Abell, Welsh; (337) 734-2222.

5 Hp Snapper garden tiller, used 4 times, sells for \$899, asking, \$399. Russell Dauzat, Laplace;

(504) 460-2104 or (504) 464-1133.

6600 JD combine w/flex header, \$5000 obo; JD 6-row cult., \$500; Lilliston 6-row cult., \$500. Carol Lavergne, Opelousas; (337) 942-7238.

JD LT133, w/38" cut, looks great, \$1250. Todd DeBate, Sorrento; (225) 675-5579.

Farmall model M, runs good, hyd., wide front-end, \$900. Mickey Turner, Youngsville; (337) 893-9453.

Cummins/Onan 634T, 6 cyl. turbo engine, in portable 20-ton air cond. trailer, has 10 kw alt., blower-vacc., pump, etc., complete unit, 4 at \$1500/1. G. Perrin, Stonewall; (318) 925-9774.

Highlift scissor type hay spear, heavy-duty, will stack 2-bales high, \$275. Joel Carr, Ruston; (318) 255-6279.

1987 MS-240 Mitsubishi, excavator, 55,000 lbs., 2 cyl. bucket, runs, very good shape, \$25,000. Thomas Billeaud, Maurice; (337) 319-1814.

JD 650, 18 hp trac., w/4' box blade & 2 yr. 4' bush hog, \$4500. Rogers DeHart, Gibson; (985) 575-3410.

1990 560 Belarus trac., 65 hp, ready to work, \$5500. David McDaniel, Ville Platte; (337) 831-3746 or (337) 461-2499.

CM 2200 Vicon 7' 2" hay cutter, field ready, \$4200. Raymond LeDoux, Lake Charles; (337) 598-5051 or (337) 540-9597.

Yanmar YM 220, 23 hp trac., 6' finish mower, \$5500. Melvin Bell, Kinder; (337) 738-2781.

JD 950 trac., w/JD 75 loader, 2 wd, p/s, 33 hp, \$6750. Mark Bordelon, Moreauville; (318) 985-2973 or (318) 729-6418.

4500 Ford diesel trac., front loader & backhoe, \$5000; or backhoe only, \$1200. Jerry Webb, Lafayette; (337) 237-6960.

Ford 641 trac., '59 model, 33 hp, live PTO, recent engine overhaul, fresh tune-up, new tires & many new parts bush hop included, \$3500.00. Oliver Duncan, Denham Springs; (225) 622-3919.

384 Int. 36 hp trac., w/bush hog, disc, drag & cult., (1) aux. valve, still have operator & parts books, \$5700. Jackie Sparks, Grand Cane; (318) 872-2240.

JD 4430 cab/air, power shift, w/front-end loader, great shape, \$13,000; JD 1460 disc bine hay cutter, \$5000; JD 530 roll baler, new belts, great shape, \$4500. Bubba Reeves, Bossier City; (318) 746-1836 or (318) 745-2200.

Woods RM500 5' grooming mower, 3 pt. hitch, good cond., \$500; 5' Leinbock disc, sealed bearings, 3 pt. hitch, scalloped blades, good cond., \$400. Stuart Gauthier, Vermilion; (337) 643-6041.

Ford 641 trac., 1959 model, 33 hp, live PTO, recent engine overhaul, fresh tune-up, new tires, many new parts, bush hog included, \$3500. Oliver Duncan, Denham Springs; (225) 622-3919.

Ford hay rake, great, \$1500. H. L. Paulk, Deville; (318) 443-8925.

NH disc mower, model 515, \$4000; 150-gal. sprayer, 3pt. hitch, 28' boom, \$1800; 8-wheel "V" rake, \$2000; Vermeer 504 Super "I" rd. baler, kept in barn, excel.

cond., \$11,000. Glynn Cavin, Slaughter; (225) 927-4978.

Rome K-G blade & C frame for D8 size dozer, \$1500. Nelson Miller, Center Point; (318) 253-4444.

(2) 530 Case trac., 300 IH trac., 4' grader blade, dirt scoop, 3 pt. rotary ditcher, \$5000/all. Ben Brown, Basile; (337) 432-5870.

Old Farmall Super "A" trac., \$2200; pull behind bush hog, \$500. Burney Sober, Alexandria; (318) 442-0575.

NH hay baler, used very little, \$11,000. Lavern King, Sun; (985) 886-3284.

JD 4640 cab/air, p/s, q/h tanks w/racks, \$16,000; 400 bu. Caldwell grain cart; small Rayne Plane grain cart; 854 Int. cord header, 6-row W & A do-all, 1100-gal., stainless steel nurse or fuel tank. Dale Moreau, Port Barre; (225) 937-6878.

Farmall 300, front & rear tools, \$1500. Raphael Chauvin, Raceland; (985) 537-7864.

Wanted: tires mounted on wheels, rear 13.6-28, 8-hole rim, front 6.00-16, 6-hole rim, also a small dirt scoop to hook behind trac. Donald Burley, Monterey; (318) 386-2212.

Wanted: ditch digger, straight back or behind tire to fit 50-70 hp trac. Tom Richard, Scott; (337) 235-0764.

Wanted: MF 383 trac., in good cond. Herdis Neil, Montegut; (985) 594-4955.

Wanted: JD 566 rd. baler & Kuhn or Krone 9' hay cutter. Fred Lucky, Bossier City; (318) 747-1873.

Wanted: front-end loader, for 1066 Int. trac. Charles Hampton, Natchitoches; (318) 352-6736.

Wanted: Kubota B5100 for parts or cyl. head, in good cond. Chris Tassin, Marksville; (318) 253-8878.

Wanted: hay conveyer, 16' section, w/or w/o motor, reasonably priced. C. O'Neill, Holden; (225) 777-4415.



1986 Ford pickup, extended cab, body & inside in good cond., needs little work, \$1500. A. P. Rachel, Ethel; (225) 683-4361.

1997 Dodge 3500 Cummins turbo diesel 4x4 extended cab, 52,000 miles, \$18,500; '90 F-250 extended cab 4x4 2.36 diesel, \$3500; '93 Ranger XLT, extended cab, V6, \$3000. Sam McDonald, Sugartown; (337) 328-8876 or (337) 328-8886.

1989 Chevy box truck 8' x 13', 82L Detroit diesel, Allison trans., only 131,000 actual miles, 4 w disc brakes, 50-gal. tank, extra storage box, excel., beautiful, \$7500. Brian Stephens, Mansura; (318) 964-5795.

1984 Ford 8000 8 yd. dump truck, like new Cat motor/turbo, good hyd. pump, tires, & bed, for local runs & farm work, \$4000. Ronda Lee, Anacoco; (337) 239-7969.

8 LT 235/ 85R16 tires, 10 ply, approx. 1/8" tread, make excel. trailer tires, \$10/1, \$35/4, \$70/8. H.W. Lyon, DeRidder; (337) 463-3304.

1997 Ford 350 4 dr., gas, in good cond. w/ 169,000 miles, \$4750. Brian Johnson, St. Landry; (318) 838-2919.

1996 Ford 450 diesel, factory flat bed, gooseneck hookup, AC/H/R, no dents, \$8000. Gerald McDonald, DeRidder; (337) 462-2117.

GMC dually pickup body, needs motor, trans., has wilders, bed, & AC/H, \$350; '91 Dodge dually, good motor, body needs work, \$2000. G. McDonald, DeRidder; (337) 462-2117.

1992 Ford F-350 XLT crew cab dually, 160,000 miles, diesel, great cond., \$7000. Bryan McDaniel, Ville Platte; (337) 461-2998.

1989 Peterbilt truck, Cummins eng., \$16,000; '97 Wilson hopper bottom, \$18,000. Terill Gremillion, Plaquemine; (318) 922-3479 or (318) 452-4640.

1995 Chevy Z-71, 170,000 miles, all leather, power windows, seats, locks & CD 4x4, all in good working cond., truck well-maintained, runs well, \$7500. Shane Trahan, Lake Arthur; (337) 587-2223.

All aluminum rack, fits full-size pickup, built sturdy, \$200. Tan Dugas, New Iberia; (337) 369-3684 or (337) 380-3629.

Late model 3/4-ton truck rear end, like new, 373 gear ratio, came off Chevy, complete w/ brake drums & cables, \$700; (3) new 16" 8-hole wheels, \$25/1; HD radiator, \$80. Ed Durr, Jr., Amite; (985) 748-5556.

1982 Dodge pickup, 90% rubber, LWB, 318 auto pickup cover, \$1600. Ben Brown, Basile; (337) 432-5870.

1997 F-250 Ford, 4x4 loaded, extended cab, diesel, \$12,000. John Shipman, Wilmer; (985) 748-7444.

1992 Isuzu pickup, 4 cyl., 5 spd. trans., \$1200; '76 Ford 60 passenger school bus, no seats, motor runs, \$600. Ellis Sanson, Jonesville; (318) 339-8926.

Pipe rack, off Ford truck, \$100; hyd. tailgate lift-gate, 66" wide, \$500; camper shell for LWB truck, \$50. A.P. Douzart, Alexandria; (318) 449-1348.

'83 Int. w/5th wheel, jin pole & winch, \$5500; 8000 lb. winch, 12 volt, still in box, never used, paid \$700, sell, \$500; Jeep alum. cab, fits CJ, \$100. Joe Robinson, Thibodaux; (985) 633-2904.



Hale 14' bumper pull stock trailer, covered top, center gate, \$700. Gary Burks, Starks; (337) 743-5487.

2-Horse WW trailer, in need of some repairs, \$600. Rogers DeHart, Gibson; (985) 575-3410.

1995 S & H 2-horse trailer, (4) new tires, good shape, \$1500 obo. Sandy Rabalais, Plaquemine; (318) 922-3513.

Gooseneck, 16' x 8', 5' fantail, extra heavy-duty, tandem axle, dual wheel, no rust, \$3500; bumper pull flatbed, 17 1/2' x 8', w/2' fantail, (2) axle, single wheel, \$1000. Joe Robinson, Thibodaux; (985) 633-2904.

2000 Featherlite 3-horse slant load, w/4' short wall dressing

room, rear tack, drop windows on head & bus on rear, white skin, \$11,000. Tim Conner, Creole; (337) 542-4677.

1996 Parker 24' flatbed goose-neck trailer, 2-single wheel axles, new brakes, no dovetail, \$2500. DeWayne Travis, Clinton; (225) 683-5336 or (225) 683-5184.

20' Trailer, elec. brakes, \$2000. Glynn Cavin, Slaughter; (225) 927-4978.

Gooseneck horse/wagon trailer, up to 3-horses front, w/wagon on back, elec. winch, back & side entry, cabinets/bed in nose, 24' x 6'8", \$5000. Gary Wimberly, Walker; (225) 664-7372.

(2) Horse drawn passenger wagons, carry 20-25, wooden wheels, top, bench each side, lights, sound system, ideal for group, parades, etc., \$2500-\$3500. G. Wimberly, Walker; (225) 664-7372.

Heavy-duty 22' x 6' lowboy gooseneck trailer, w/ramps, treated wood floor, (2) 6000 lb. axles, \$1800. Joel Carr, Ruston; (318) 255-6279.

1981 Timp Hopper 76-96-40, new doors, new tarp, \$10,000 neg. Stoney Broussard, Gueydan; (337) 536-6720 or (337) 523-6739.

(3) JD 214 Silage wagons, ideal for green chopping, \$800/1; \$1000/other 2. Carrol Lavergne, Opelousas; (337) 942-7238.

19' Heavy-duty trailer, tandem axle bumper pull, w/heavy-duty ramps, new tires, very good cond., \$600. Ursin Rodrigue, Jr., Amite; (985) 652-3687.

16' Gooseneck brand cattle trailer, good shape & good tires, \$1500. C. M. Duplechian, Jennings; (337) 824-2989.

24' Weiss 2-horse steel trailer, living quarters, ac, stove, fridge, microwave, fresh water tank, \$6000 obo. Leslie Whiddon, DeRidder; (337) 462-9347.

25' Gooseneck trailer, vacuum over hyd. disc brake, 4-wheel brake, toolbox, ramp, 8-new tires, 16", everything new, \$4000. John Pounders, Gretna; (504) 361-5230.

2003 Brand new Ponderosa 2-horse trailer, 10' x 6', saddle compartment, 2-axles, elec. brakes, spare & new tires, never used, \$2800 obo. Cheryl Gordon, Gretna; (504) 391-1795.

33' Dual tandem drop float trailer, \$800; Massart winch truck bed, 5th wheel, dove & rolling tail, \$500; light duty, 5th wheel receiver hitch, \$200 obo on all. Ken Ogea, Lake Charles; (337) 598-2689.

All steel floor & frame, pipe top, bumper pull, 12 1/2' x 6 1/2', 6000 lb. elec. winch, 4000 lb. axle, \$700. Ben Brown, Basile; (337) 432-5870.



Mark 5 Shop Smith, w/18" jig saw, 10" table saw, disc sander, 11" band saw & wood lathe attach.; owners manual & self study guide, \$600. Roland Stein, Convent; (225) 562-7138.

Galv. screens, heavy gauge, tight weave, 3' x 6', good for animal cages or barn windows, originally for drying peppers, \$80/36 sheets. Bruce Donnell, Carencro; (337) 896-8678.

New & never used equip., English chaps, burgundy-brown leather, \$50; deluxe cribbing/grazing muzzle, \$40; deluxe safety halter, \$20, also some assorted used equipment. Debby Sharbaugh, Ethel, (225) 683-4919.

Round pen, constructed of fiberglass material, each panel is 5' x 12', 50' rd. pen, w/o bow gate, \$995; add panels as needed for, \$77/1. Larry Fontenot, Lake Charles; (337) 855-0629.

Fiberglass farm gates, \$73/10'; \$79/12'. Deb Fontenot, Lake Charles; (337) 855-0629.

Okra cutters, hand operated, \$90-\$120/1. Franklin Courvelle, Opelousas; (337) 407-0188.

New galv. panels, w/mud boots, 40' rd. pen, \$525; 50' rd. pen, \$625; 60' rd. pen, \$775; all include 4' bow gate. Michael Passman, Amite; (985) 748-5094.

Barrel saddle, 14" Billy Cook trophy saddle, w/square skirt, dark brown seat & floral tooling, never ridden, \$600 obo. Carol Fairchild, Church Point; (337) 873-4282.

4' Concrete culvert forms, 12"-48", \$50/1-up, depending on size. John Womack, Winnfield; (318) 628-6768.

Farm fuel storage tanks, on metal skids, 200-gal. hand pump, for diesel, \$135; 500-gal. hand pump, for gas, \$275. Jimmy Mullet, Covington; (985) 892-5132.

Australian saddle, "The Governor", mint cond., comes w/blanket, breast collar & cropple, worth, \$475, selling, \$250. Sierra Bergeron, Hammond; (225) 567-3434.

New galv. corral panels, 5' x 10', \$40/1; 40' rd. pen, \$500; 50' rd. pen, \$600; 60' rd. pen, \$700. Carl Barlow, Pride; (225) 603-5610.

Bowman drain openers & shocks, to fit Honda 300 4x4, \$450. Burke Aucoin, Bunkie; (337) 826-3968.

"Big Horn" blk. parade saddle, 15" seat, lots of silver & tapaderos, matching silver, breast collar, very good cond., \$450; youth saddle w/bridle, good cond., \$140. Ed Durr, Jr., Amite; (985) 748-5556.

Pine wood shavings, in 8 cubic ft. bags, compressed, del. avail., \$4.5/bag. Roy Varnado, Jr., Iota; (337) 824-3887.

Heartwood comm. portable band saw, 2-way cut, 6" dbl. edged blade, 80 hp Perkins tandem axles, 500 hrs., portable diesel mill, \$29,500. Herbert LeJeune, Oakdale; (337) 639-2953.

1x random width cypress lumber, 65¢/BF; cypress mantles, any size, dried 2 yrs. in barn, \$100/1. Grover O'Barion, Ponchatoula; (504) 812-0019.

(8) Creosote posts, 15'-25' long, \$30/1; 6" centrifugal shop built pump, suction foot valve flexible, w/dischage & suction hose, 15' & 22', \$400. Joseph Clement, Sr., Iota; (337) 779-3394.

(37) Used tin sheets, 14', good cond., \$2/1. J. Clement, Iota; (337) 779-2584.

Over 400' of 2" x 4" x 4' Red Brand fence wire, several gates & fence posts, some wooden, some metal "T" posts, \$150/all. Shane Bellue, Jackson; (225) 629-5545.

Chicken/duck plucker, w/elec. motor, excel. shape, \$300; debeaker for quail, chickens & ducks, elec., Lyons brand, \$875. James Breaux, New Iberia; (318) 364-4854.

General purpose fence, 4' high, 100' long, \$25. Greg Hillman, Pitkin; (318) 358-5266.

Saddle & bridle, in good shape, for small child 12 yrs. & under, for small horse, \$50. Walton Thomassie, Cut Off; (985) 693-4417.

Sausage stuffer, cast iron, \$225, cash; #15 jambalaya pot, \$200 obo. Curtis Stelly, Fordoche; (225) 637-3375 or (225) 625-4580.

40 kw Kohler generator, 45 hrs., JD engine, w/100-gal. fuel tank, mount on 12' trailer, \$13,500/all; 185 cfm I-R air compressor, 5000 hrs., \$3250; complete sandblast rig, w/500# pot, \$500. Mike Towns, Arcadia; (318) 263-3000.

Cattle self-feeders, on skids, 1-2 tons capacity, wooden, never used, \$385-\$675. J. C. Landreneau, Ville Platte; (337) 363-6088.

Sawmill, cuts logs, 30" diameter x 13' 8", tools & extra blades, \$5500. Ben Brown, Basile; (337) 432-5870.

Round hay bale cover bags, \$50/roll; \$2/bag. Charner Lyles, Pineville; (318) 640-2912.

Weed Badger, model 2030, \$800; manure spreader, like new, model 600A, holds about 1000 lbs., great for horse barn, \$700. Lester L'Hoste, Braithwaite; (504) 682-0312.

3 Pt. hookup spray unit, 50-gal., \$250; 25-43 used skidde tire, \$300. Gerald McDonald, DeRidder; (337) 462-2117.

Wanted: small portable feed mill or feed crusher. Jerry Webb, Lafayette; (337) 237-6960.



Goat milk soap, handmade, skin soothing, many varieties, all natural ingredients, \$4/5-6 oz. bar. Kathleen Matte, Opelousas; (337) 543-7130.

Redworms, \$10/lb., plus postage; night crawlers, \$25/lb., plus postage. Gary McClure, Jackson; (225) 654-6877.

Wanted: Ford 1950 or 1951 V8 running or not or junked, will pick up. Tan Dugas, New Iberia; (337) 369-3684.

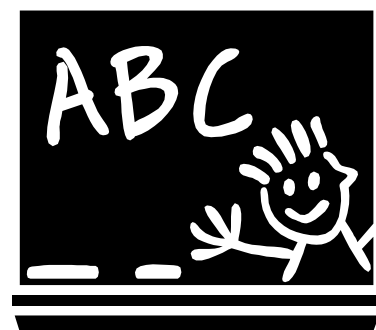
Wanted: old iron trac. seats. Charner Lyles, Pineville; (318) 640-2912.

FAIRS & FESTIVALS

The Livingston Horse Show Association will host horse shows August 23 and September 6, at the Southpark Arena in Denham Springs. Shows begin promptly at 9 a.m. For more information, contact DeLois Senez at (225) 664-3150 or JoLynn Allen at (225) 685-0335.

Cajun Radio Show Live every Saturday night, 6 - 7:30 p.m. at the Liberty Theater in Eunice. Some of the guests will be Jackie Callier & Cajun Cousins, Sac-A-Lait, Don Fontenot & les Amis de la Louisianne. For more information, visit Eunice site and Liberty schedule at www.eunice-la.com or call (337) 457-7389.

Other Fairs & Festivals: Shrimp & Petroleum Festival, Morgan City, Aug. 28-Sept. 1; Rayne Frog Festival, Rayne, Aug. 29-31; La. Shrimp Festival, Meraux, Sept. 12-14; Southern Pickin' & Ginnin Festival, Rayville, Sept. 20; Festivals Acadiens, Lafayette, Sept. 19-21; Evangeline Oil & Gas Festival, Evangeline, Sept. 20-21; Cajun Heritage Festival, Cut Off, Sept. 20-21; Family Festival, Paradis, Sept. 21; Alligator Festival, Luling, Sept. 25-28; Cut Off Youth Center Fair, Cut Off; Sept. 26-28.



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concrete per footing - up the 45-foot embankment of the river's levee where it is connected to a 350-horsepower diesel motor and back down the levee to a large welded-Y of steel pipe. The curved arms of the Y are connected to two 5,000-foot series of plastic pipes connected to the center pivot pumps.

"We got estimates from two companies to build and install the entire system. By doing it ourselves, we saved about \$100,000 from the estimates," Price said. The upkeep on the pivot system includes maintenance when the rolling tires hit a sinkhole, occasional oil leaks in the hydraulic motor system and trash cleanouts of the spray tips.

The pivots run on hydraulic motors on each of the 15-foot-tall A-frames. The motors are synchronized to roll the A-frames in perfect harmony on 24-inch mud tires across the land. At the farthest end from the pivot point, the mud tires propelling the final A-frame are rolling across the field at the rate of 30-inches per

minute, putting out exactly one inch of water on each revolution around the field.

"Our pivots make a circle every four days. It's like getting an inch of rain every four days. Sometimes if the ground is saturated enough we shut them down for a couple of days. But you always have to keep in mind that it takes four days to make a circle," Price says. "If you shut it down for two days, then it's six days before some of your crop gets any water. So you're always thinking four days ahead."

Last year the rain was plentiful and the pivot irrigation systems only made three circumferences of the fields. But 2001 stands as a testimonial to the value of irrigation. In that year they made nine continuous rotations of their cotton fields.

"We ran five weeks continuously," John says. "For five weeks in July and the first week of August we didn't get any rain. We ran 24-hours a day for five weeks. And we made a good crop too."

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important thing is water."

The Bundys and their banker are smiling. "Before we started irrigation we would average 600 to 650 pounds of cotton to the acre. Every year since we put in irrigation we have yielded over 1,000 pounds an acre," Price says.

The Clarks, year by year, have been converting more acreage to irrigation, "We are getting land under irrigation just as quick as we can. There is virtually none of it that we farm that is not irrigated, probably 85 - 90 percent," Nolan Clark says.

The Bundys have done all the center pivot irrigation feasible on their land. "The rest of our fields are too small and it's not feasible to put in a pivot on those small fields," says Price Bundy.

"The only other option is drip irrigation, underground pipe under each row. We might do some of that in a few years, but that's the only option for these smaller fields" says John.

Regardless of where they are farming in the state, the bottom line rules. "Here's what I think may be coming," says John. "Banks and lenders will look at farms that are irrigated versus farms that aren't. Farms that are not irrigated might have a problem getting financing in coming years."



Back-To-School Dinner & Dessert Ideas

Hamburger Stew

2 pounds hamburger meat
3 cans Minestrone soup
1 can whole kernel corn
2 cans Rotel tomatoes
2 can diced tomatoes

Brown hamburger and drain grease. Turn down heat and pour veggies into meat. Cover with lid and simmer until flavors blend, about 30 minutes. Serve with cornbread.

Non-Skewer Shish-Ka-Bobs

5 pound sirloin tip roast, cubed
1 each green, yellow, red and orange bell peppers, cut in chunks
2 large onions, cut in chunks
16 ounces fresh mushrooms, whole or sliced
Tiny tomatoes optional, (add these when ready to bake)

Put all in a bowl; pour 1 bottle steak sauce marinade over mixture, leave overnight, flipping or stirring several times. Place in foil baking pouch or make one out of heavy-duty foil and seal. Bake 1-1 ½ hrs. at 450 degrees.

Mediterranean Chicken Wrap

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| 1 small chicken breast | feta cheese |
| shredded lettuce | sliced red onions |
| diced tomato | 1 large flour tortilla |
| black olives | Mediterranean Greek Feta Dressing |

Grill or bake chicken breast. Slice in cubes and place in the corner of the tortilla. Layer lettuce, tomato, olives, red onions and feta cheese as desired. Next add dressing, 2-3 tablespoons, or as desired. Roll up the ingredients and slice in half.

Tortilla Rollups

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| 8 ounces sour cream | ½ can chopped black olives |
| 8 ounces cream cheese | 1 cup cheddar cheese |
| ½ can diced chilies and tomatoes | 3 ounces shredded ham |
| 2 tablespoons chopped onion | 1 package soft tortillas |

Mix together and spread mixture on burrito size tortillas. Roll as firm as possible without losing filling. Line pan with plastic wrap and place roll ups in pan and cover pan with plastic wrap. Refrigerate overnight. Slice into pinwheels and serve with salsa.

Almond Grapes

2 bunches red seedless grapes
1 cup sour cream
1 cup light brown sugar
1 teaspoon almond extract
1 cup chopped Louisiana pecans

Combine sour cream, brown sugar and almond extract in glass bowl. Pour mixture over grapes and refrigerate over night. Toast pecans and toss with grapes when ready to serve. This is a great snack or dessert.

No Bake Cookies

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| 2 cups of granulated sugar | 2 cups of Quaker instant oats |
| 2 tablespoons of cocoa | ½ cup of peanut butter |
| ½ cup milk | 1 teaspoon vanilla |
| 1 stick of butter or margarine | |

In a med. sized saucepan cook on med. to high, sugar, milk & cocoa until boiling. Boil for 3 minutes, no more, no less. Turn stove off and remove from the burner. Add oats and vanilla quickly. Add butter, peanut butter and mix well. Spoon onto wax paper and let cool.

Fig Cake

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| 1 stick butter, melted | 2 cups self rising flour |
| 1 cup sugar | 1/2 cup milk |
| 1 pint fig preserves | 1 cup chopped Louisiana pecans |
| 1 teaspoon baking soda | 1 teaspoon cinnamon |
| 2 eggs | |

Mix together all ingredients and pour into greased tube pan. Bake at 350 degrees until done.

Coming Your Way

Mini. horse show, sale in Gonzales

The Cajun Country Miniature Horse Club is hosting an open miniature horse fun show Saturday, Sept. 6, at Lamar-Dixon Expo Center in Gonzales.

The show is being held in conjunction with the American Miniature Horse Association and American Miniature Horse Registry sale.

Admission is free and classes begin at 10 a.m. Coggins test papers required.

For more information, contact Gene at gjminis@hotmail.com or (225) 622-1732. Information is also available at www.cajuncountryminis.com.

Club hosts show

An open horse show sponsored by the Silver Spurs Riders Club will begin at 8 a.m. Aug. 23 at Burton Coliseum in Lake Charles.

Participants can compete in more than 40 judged classes and nine speed events. New members and beginners are welcome. Admission is free for spectators.

For more information, contact Marie Hannie at (337) 477-6997.

Trail ride to begin Aug. 31 in Vidalia

The Louisiana Purchase El Camino Real Trail Ride will take place Aug. 31 through Sept. 13 beginning in Vidalia and ending near Many at the Pendelton Bridge.

Trailboss for the ride is Murle Cheatwood. Nightly stops include Jonesville, Jena, Tullos, Winnfield, Clarence, Natchitoches, Robeline and Many.

For more information, contact Murle and Diane Cheatwood at (318) 576-3274.

LJSC showdowns in Lake Charles

The Louisiana Junior Show Circuit (LJSC) has announced the dates for its August showdown events. On Aug. 23, the group will be in Lake Charles for the Cajun Summer Showdown at Burton Coliseum in Lake Charles. On Aug. 24, the group will hold the McNeese Classic in the same location.

Pigs weigh in from 7 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. and the show begins at 9:30 a.m. Lambs and goats weigh in from 8:30 a.m. until 10 a.m. and the show begins immediately following the pig show.

There are no weight requirements for any animal. Entry fees are \$15 for market and \$5 for showmanship.

Campers are welcome and full hook-ups are available for \$12/day.

For more information, contact Carla Guillory at (337) 478-8461 or visit the LJSC Web site at www.ljsc.org.

Agriculture & Forestry Today with Commissioner Bob Odom

There are now three confirmed equine cases of West Nile virus in Louisiana, Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Bob Odom said.

"The horses that tested positive are from Caddo and Lafourche parishes, but several other test results are pending," Odom added. "We're concerned because the virus developed rapidly in our horse population last year, especially in the Florida Parishes area, resulting in some very high numbers in Tangipahoa, St. Tammany and Washington."

"Horse owners need to get their animals vaccinated or get booster shots before it's too late," Odom said. "There is plenty of vaccine to go around."

"Horse owners should contact their veterinarian as soon as possible to get the vaccination. It's also

very important to pay attention to the manufacturer's recommendations for proper dosage and frequency. Since West Nile is now established in Louisiana, our horses need more frequent vaccinations."

Odom said a horse should be given a full dose if it has never been vaccinated. A follow-up booster in three to four weeks is also necessary.

"Once a horse has built up its immunity after these initial injections, an injection every six months is typical protocol in areas where the disease is present," he said.

West Nile virus was first diagnosed in Louisiana horses in 2001 when nine cases were confirmed in equine animals.

State Veterinarian Dr. Maxwell Lea said there were 328 reported cases of equine West Nile in 2002.

"We suspect the actual number of cases was considerably higher," Lea said. "Some horses may have been sick and recovered or died without being reported to our office."

Odom stressed the significance of reporting and testing suspected horses.

"It's crucial because that information is passed quickly on to other health officials," he said. "With the public health concern over West Nile virus and other mosquito-borne illnesses, our animal health officials are an important link to the state and nationwide reporting systems."

The Department of Agriculture and Forestry is working with local veterinarians, horse owner groups and health officials to monitor the spread of the disease.

Symptoms of West Nile virus in

horses are similar to those of Eastern Equine encephalitis and include lethargy, increase in temperature, head pressing and finally, the inability to stand or walk. Eastern Equine is another encephalitis-causing virus that is spread by mosquitoes and affects horses in Louisiana. There is also a vaccination for Eastern Equine encephalitis.

West Nile virus is fatal in about 30 percent of the horses that contract it, whereas Eastern Equine encephalitis has a mortality rate of 90 percent. West Nile causes encephalitis, or swelling of the brain, in both horses and humans, but cannot be transmitted directly from horses or humans to other horses and humans. The virus is transmitted by mosquitoes in two ways, either from bird to bird or from bird to mammal.

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and permanently severs melon from vine. The melons are gently rolled onto a rectangular burlap sack and Trey's melon mafia each grabs a corner and lifts. They look like pallbearers struggling with the casket of an overweight relative.

Big Dog and King James have already weighed their entries when Roy arrives with his three. Both are clearly disappointed with their efforts. Big Dog and King James' watermelons barely cleared 170 pounds.

"I got gummy stem black in my field. I've been planting there for too long, but I'm a proud loser," said King James.

Big Dog blamed the rainy weather in his hometown of Franklinton. "It seemed like it rained every day for months. It scalded my leaves and turned my vines yellow. If you don't have huge leaves, you can't grow the big watermelons," Big Dog lamented.

Roy's biggest melon weighed in at 182.5 pounds, good enough for first place so far. But his thrill was short-lived as the crowd gathered around the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry's Weights and Measures certified scale when Trey arrived with his 5 watermelons.

As the hay in the back of his pickup cushioning the melons is removed and the uber-Chosen Ones are revealed, somebody in the crowd remarked, "They look like dinosaur eggs!" The first two weighed are in the upper 180s. A third one is 194.6, enough for a new state record, but the crowd wants more. Trey weighs his fourth melon. The masses groaned in frustration as the scale stopped at 197. Everyone gathered wants a 200-pounder. The crowd watches in rapt attention as the handlers gently place Trey's final entry onto the scale. A brief reverent moment of silence is suddenly pierced by a raucous cheer when the digital read-out finally stops at 202.6 pounds. A new state record! The top melon is quickly dubbed 'Dolly Parton'.

All of the competitive growers gather round Trey for back-slapping and congratulations and all the "wait until next years."

Big Dog Blackthorn is among the first with his congrats. He towers a full 12 inches over the 37-year-old Trey. In deference to his mentor and tormentor, Trey has decided to bill himself as the "Little Big Dog" during his reign as Heavy Melon Champ.

Trey modestly accepts the \$1,000 first prize check and the blue ribbon is proudly festooned upon Dolly Parton. It soon sells for \$3,000 at auction to Bill Halley of Farmerville. Lesser melons, of course, bring a lesser amount.

King James is philosophic. "We've been talking about melons for 5 months now. We'll be talking about it for another week and then after all this is over, we'll be talking about deer hunting."



Roy Hughes and Trey Patton struggle to lift Hughes' contender (top). Patton's No. 9 melon (above) takes two tapes to encircle. Sarah McCallum, 2, samples the local product (left, clockwise). Matthew Smith of Bossier won the melon-eating contest for his age group. Patton's melon is a new record at 202.6 pounds.

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You think it's easy growing Louisiana's champion watermelon? For this competition you'll need a shaded throne room, a computerized water system and help from a daughter who's willing to sing sweet lullabies to a pampered giant.

"And the Champion is ..." The life of a pampered giant

A parade, a seed-spitting contest, arm wrestling contests plus plenty of dignitaries were all part of Farmerville's 40th Annual Watermelon Festival, but those were just sideshows to the main event.

Nothing really got the blood racing and the tongues waggin' like the featured attraction, the fierce but friendly competition for Louisiana watermelon champion.

Pre-competition melon measurements placed eventual winner Trey Patton at the top of the favorite's column. The only unanswered question was, "Will Trey's melons bust 200 pounds."

The quest for the 200-pound melon began five years ago when outsider Daryl 'Big Dog' Burnthorn's 170-pound Carolina-cross entries consistently won Farmerville's Heavy Melon contest. Burnthorn was an interloper from way down in south Louisiana in the Florida parishes.

Second-year competitive grower Roy Hughes of Downsville, just down the road from Farmerville, said the Union Parish folks had had enough.

"It all started when the fella from Washington Parish would come here and win," Hughes said. "But four or five years ago we got together to see if we couldn't beat him."

The cabal of growers consisted of Hughes, Patton and James Pridgen. Pridgen struck pay dirt last year when he won the contest with a 191-pound entry earning the bragging rights for the year and the title, 'King' James.

"The discussion really gets going over at the NAPA parts house," said organizer and Jaycee President Billy Jung, "but the favorite is Trey Patton."

In fact, LSU AgCenter agent Rafash Brew was so confident of Patton's chances he began to research the weight of the Louisiana record. Department of Agriculture officials said 194 pounds was the documented mark set in 1985 by New Orleans oilman C.T. Carden. A 262-pound Tennessee-grown melon holds the national mark. "We think we will be able to set a new Louisiana record," Brew said.

Although he is not a commercial grower, Patton attended nearly every AgCenter production meeting and learned a great deal about irrigation systems, said Brew.

Scientific growing methods notwithstanding, Patton was not above employing every technique possible including having his 12-year-old daughter Tiffany sing to his plants. She claimed "The Battle of New Orleans" was the melon's favorite song, but Patton denied a rumor of having a \$2,000 lighting system to stimulate nocturnal growth. Hughes chimed in with a, "Yeah, but he's got a computerized watering system."

That blasphemy earned Hughes a sharp rebuke from B.J. Patton who appeared to be Trey's publicity director. "Now Roy, you're talking too much," chastised B.J., who is also Trey's uncle.

Hughes conceded his inevitable defeat as Trey and B.J. helped him load his three mammoth melons into a nearby pickup. His three plants completely covered a 40-foot x 60-foot plot of ground.

"I'm not going to win, but I'm proud of them," Hughes said, not without a trace of sentimentality.

"Aw, Roy! This is important," said B.J. in encouragement.

Trey's one-acre field has 18 prime looking Carolinas dotting the landscape. "These are 'The Chosen Ones,'" Trey said humbly. He has culled more than a thousand melons from his patch

**Heavy melon singer
Tiffany Patton and
father, Trey.**



to produce the ultra-select green behemoths. Each one is under a burlap-covered frame to help regulate the amount of sun that hit the melons.

"It keeps the sun from blistering the skin. If they get too hot, they get ripe and we don't want them to get ripe too soon," explained Trey.

Trey leads his helpers to the five melons he has selected for the competition. He has made his choices based on measurements registered almost daily in a logbook that would rival the captain's log of James T. Kirk's Starship Enterprise. Tape measures were placed underneath each of the "Chosen Ones" long ago and several of his melons need two tape measures to completely record the 60-inch-plus circumferences.

"Hmm, it looks like old Number 9 is going to give Number 11 a run for its money," Trey observed, duly registering the data into record.

Deftly handling his 4-inch bone-colored Case pocketknife, Trey makes a swift *coup de grace*

See Giant watermelons, page 10

Nothing is too good for this Goliath

